K. England - Henry VIII

ANNO XXVI.
HENRICI VIII.

ACTES MADE IN THE seſſion of this preſent parly-ament holden vpon prorogation at weſtñ, the. III. day of Nouẽbre, in the. XXVI. yere of the reygne of our moſte drad ſoueraigne lorde kynge HENRY the VIII, and there continued and kepte tyll the, XVIII. day of Decẽber nexte enſuinge.

To the honor of god, and for the cõmon weale and profite of this realme.

THO. BERTHELET EXCVDEBAT. CVM PRIVILEGIO.

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¶ An act ratifieng the othe that euery of the kinges subiectis hath taken & shal hereafter be bound to take for due obseruation of the acte made for the surete of the succession of the kinges hyghnes in the crowne of the realme. Capit. ii.

WHere at the laste Session of this present parlyamente, in the acte than made for the establysshement of the Succession of the heyres of the kynges hyghenesse in the Imperyalle Crowne of this Realme, It is conteyned amonges other thynges, that all and synguler the kynges subiectes, as welle the nobles spirituall and temporalle, as other, shulde make and take a corporalle othe, whanne so euer hit shoulde please the

kynges maiestie or his heires to appoynt, that they shulde truely, firmely, and constantly without fraude or gyle obserue fulfylle mayntayne defende and kepe to their counnyng wytte and vttermoste of their powers, the hole effectes and contentes of the sayde acte, as in the same acte amonges other thynges more playnely appereth. And at the daye of the laste prorogation of this present parlyament, as well the nobles spirituall and temporall, as other the commons of this present parlyament than assembled in the hygh howse of the parlyament, moste louyngely accepted and toke suche othe as then was deuysed in writynge for mayntenaunce and defence of the sayde acte, and ment & entended at that tyme, that euery other the kynges subiectes shuld be bounde to accepte and take the same, vpon the peynes conteyned in the sayde acte. The tenour of whiche othe hereafter ensueth.

¶ Ye shall sweare to beare fayth, truthe, and obedience alonely to the kinges maiestie, and to his heires of his body of his most dere and entierly beloued lauful wife Quene Anne begotten and to begotté. And further to the heires of our saide soueraygne lorde, according to the limittation in the statute made for suretie of his succession in the crowne of this realme mencioned and conteyned, and not to any other within this realme nor foreyne auctoritie or potentate. And in case any othe be made or hath be made by you to any personne or personnes, that then ye to repute the same as vayne and adnichilate. And that to your counnynge, wytte, and vttermooste of your power, without gyle fraude or other vndewe meane, ye shall obserue kepe maynteyne and defende the sayde acte of succession, and all the hole effectes and contentes therof, and al other actes and statutes made in confirmation or for execution of the same, or of any thynge therin conteyned. And this ye shall do ageynste all maner of persones, of what estate dignitie degree or condicion so euer they be. And in no wyse do or attempte, nor to your power suffre to be doone or attempted dyrectly or indirectly any thynge or thynges pryuely or appertely, to the lette, hynderaunce, damage, or derogation thereof, or of any parte of the same, by any maner of meanes, or for any maner of pretence, so helpe you god, all sayntes, and the holy Euangelistes.

¶ And for as moche as it is conuenient for the sure mayntenaunce and defence of the same acte, that the sayde othe shulde not onely be auctorised by auctoritie of parlyament, but also be interpret & expowned by the hole assent of this present parlyament, that it was mente and entended by the kynges maiestie, the lordes & cõmons of the parlyament, at the said day of the said last prorogation, that euery subiect shulde be bounden to take the same othe accordyng to the tenour and effecte therof, vpon the peynes and penalties conteyned in the sayde acte: Therfore be it enacted by auctorite of this present parlyament, that the said othe aboue rehersed, shalbe interprete expouned reputed accepted & adiuged the very othe, that the kinges highnes, the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the cõmons of this present parliament, mente and intended, that euery subiecte of this realme shulde be oblyged,

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and bounden to take and accepte for mayntenance and defence of the same acte, vpon the peynes conteyned in the sayd acte. And that euery of the kinges subiectes, vppon the sayde peynes shall be obliged to accepte and take the sayd othe.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that the cõmissioners that hereafter shall be appoynted to receyue suche othe of the kynges subiectes, or two of them at the lest, shall haue power and auctoritie to certifie into the kynges benche by writynge, vnder their seales, euery refusell that herafter shalbe made afore them of the same othe by any person or persons commynge afore them, to take the same othe. And that euery suche certificat to be made by suche commissioners, as is aforesayde, shall be taken as stronge and as auaylable in the lawe, as an inditement of. xii. men lawfully founden of the sayde refusell. So that the person and persones, ayenste whome any suche certificate shalbe made, shalbe compelled to answere therunto, as if they were indited. And that suche processe, iugement, execution, & euery other thinge shalbe had, vsed, & ministred of and vpon euery suche certificat ayenst the offendours, as if they had ben laufully indited of suche offences by the due courts and order of the commen lawes of this realme.

¶ An act concernyng the payment of first fruitis of all dignities benefices and promotions spirituall, and also concernyng one annuel pension of the tenth part of al the possessions of the church spiritual and temporall, graunted to the kinges highnes and his heyres. ca. iii.

FOr as moche as it is and of very duetie ought to be the natural inclination of all good people, lyke mooste faythefull louynge and obediente subiectes, sincerely and wyllyngely to desyre to prouyde, not onely for the publyke weale of their natyue countrey, but also for the supportation mayntenaunce and defence of the royall astate of their moste dread benigne and gratious souerain lord, vpon whom and in whom dependith all their ioy and welthe: in whom also is vnited and knytte so princely a harte and courage, myxed with mercy wysedome and iustice, And also a naturall affection ioyned to the same, as by the great inestimable and benevolent argumentes therof beinge mooste bountifully largely and many tymes shewed, ministred, and approued towardes his louynge and obedient subiectes, hath well appered: whiche requireth a lyke correspondence of gratitude to be considered, accordynge to their most bounden dueties. Wherfore his sayde humble and obedient subiectes, as well the lordes spirituall and temporall, as the commons in this present parlyament assembled, callyng to theyr remembrance, not only the manyefolde and innumerable benefites dayely administred by his hyghenes to them all, and to the residue of all other his subiectes of this realme: But also howe longe tyme his maiestie hathe moste victoryously, by his hyghe wysedome and polycie, protected, defended, and gouerned this

his realme and mayntayned his people and subiectes of the same in tranquillitie peace vnite quietnes and welth. And also consideryng what great excessiue and inestimable charges his hyghnes hathe heretofore benne atte and susteyned by the space of fyue and twenty hole yeres, and also dayelye susteineth for the maintenance tuition and defence of this his realme, and his louinge subiectes of the same, whiche can not be susteyned and borne without some honorable prouision & remedy maye be made soone prouided and ordeyned for mayntenance therof: Do therfore desyre and moste humbly praye, that for the more suertie of contynuaunce & augmentation of his hyghnes royall estate, beynge not onely nowe recognised (as he alwayes in dede heretofore hath ben) the onely supreme heed in erthe nexte and immidiately vnder god of the churche of Englande, but also theyr moste assured and vndouted naturall soueraygne liege lorde & kyng, hauing the hole gouernaunce tuition defence and mayntenaunce of this his Realme and moste louinge obedient subiectes of the same. It maye therfore be ordeyned and enacted by his hyghnes, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the comunons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctoryte of the same, in maner and forme folowynge.

¶ That is to saye, that the kynges hyghnes, his heyres and successours kynges of this Realme, shall haue and enioye frome tyme to tyme to endure for euer, of euery suche persone and persones, whiche at any tyme after the firste day of January nexte comynge shall be nompnated elected prefected presented collated or by any other meanes appoynted to haue any Archebusshopriche, Bysshopriche, Abbacye, Monastary, Priorie, College, hospitalle, Archedeaconry, Deanry, prouesshippe, Prebende, parsonage, vicarage, Chauntrie, Freechapell, or other dignitie benefice office or promotion spirituall within this realme, or elles where within any of the kynges dominions, of what name nature or qualitie so euer they be, or to whose foundation patronage or gyfte so euer they belonge, the firste fruites, reuenewes and profites for one yere of euery suche archebyshoppriche byshoppriche abbacy monasterie priorie college hospytall, archedeconry, deanrye, prouesshyp, prebende personage vicarage chaunterie frechappell, or other dignite benefice office or promotiō spiritual afore named, whervnto any suche person or persones shall after the sayde fyrste daye of Januarie be nominated, elected, prefected, presented, collated, or by any other meanes appoynted. And that euery suche persone and persones before any actuall or reall possession, or medlynge with the profites of any suche archbyshoppriche, byshopriche, abbacy monasterie college hospitall deanrie prouesshyp prebende, personage, vicarage, chauntrie, fre chapell, priory, or other dygnitie benefice office or promotion spirituall shall satisfie content and pay or compound or agree to pay to the kinges vse at reasonable days, vpon good sureties, the sayde first fruites and profites for one yere.

¶ And be it also enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that the Chauncellour of Englande and mayster of the Rolles for the tyme beinge, ioyntely and seue-

seuerallly, or suche other person and persones, as shall please the kynges highnes, his heires or successours from tyme to tyme, at his or their pleasure, to name and depute by commission or commissions vnder the greatte seale, shall haue power and auctoritie as well to crampne and serche for the iuste and true value of the sayd fyrst fruites and profittes by all wayes and meanes that they can, as to compounde and agree for the rate of the sayde firste fruttis and profites, as to stall and limitte resonable dayes for paymēt therof vppon good and sufficient suertie or suerties, by writynges obligatorie by their discretions. And if composition or agreement be had or made for the said firste fruites before the sayd lorde Chauncellour or master of the Rolles, that than the writynges obligatorye or money taken for the same, shall reste remayne and abyde in the hanaper of the kynges chancerie, there sauely to be kepte to the kynges vse, and the money to be due of suche writynges obligatorie, or to be receyued in hande by reason of any suche composition shalbe payde in the sayde hanaper, to the clerke of the hanaper for the tyme beinge. And that the sayde clerke of the hanaper shall make a true and a iust accompt therof lyke as he is bounde to do of the money receyued of the profytes of the kynges great seale. And if composition or agreement be had or made for the saide firste fruites, afore any other person or persons to be deputed by the kynges highnes, his heires or successours by commission vnder his great seale, that then the writynges obligatorie and money taken for the same, shalbe delyuered to the Treasourer of the kynges most honorable chaumber for the tyme beinge, or elles where, to whome it shall please the kynges highenes his heires or successours to gyue auctoritie by commission vnder the great seale, to receyue the same. ¶ And it is also ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that euery writynge of acquytaunce subscrybed with the hande and name of the Clerke of the hanaper, and treasourer of the chaumber or other commissioners aforesayde, or any of theym, wytnessinge the receipte of the sayd first fruites or any part ther of, shall be as good and effectuall ageynste the kynges hyghnesse, his heyres and successours, to euery persone and persones hauynge the same, for so moche money as shalbe mencioned to be receyued and conteyned in euery suche acquitaunce, as if suche acquitaunce were or hadde ben lawfullye hadde and opteyned in the kynges name vnder the kynges great seale, & so shalbe admitted accepted & allowed and taken in euery of the kynges courtes. And that all writinges obligatory to be taken for payement of the said fyrste fruites by and afore the sayde lorde Chauncellour: or mayster of the Rolles, or by and afore any other persone or persons to be deputed to compounde and agree for the said fyrst fruites, as is aforesayde, shalbe of the same strength force vertue qualite and effecte to al intentes and pourposes, as writynges obligatorie here to fore made by any lay parsone by auctorite of the statute of the staple benne. And that vppon certificat hereafter to be made in to the kynges chauncery of any suche writynges obligatorye to be taken for payement of suche fyrste fruites lyke proceſſe and execution shall

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be therbppon made and had ayenſt any perſon ſpyrytuall or tempozall, as hath ben accuſtomed to be made ayenſt any lay perſon bppon certificate of wrytinges obligatozie of the ſayd ſtatute of the Staple. And that no perſon ſhalbe compelled to pay foz any wrytinge oblygatozie to be made foz the ſaid payement of the ſayd fyrſt fruytis aboue . viii.d . noz foz any acquytaunce to be made foz receypte of ſuche fyrſte fruytis aboue .iiii. d. And that ſuche perſon and perſons as ſhal be deputed by the kyngis hyghnes by commiſſion vnder the great ſeale, to compounde and agree foz the ſayd fyrſt fruitis ſhal at the ende of euery. vi. monthes nexte after the date of theyr cõmiſſion, & ſo from. vi. monthes to. vi. monthes, delyuer oz cauſe to be delyuered vnto the Treaſozer of the chambze, foz the tyme beinge, oz els where, to ſuche commiſſioners as ſhalbe appoynted, as is afozeſayde, to receyue the ſame, as well all ſuche money as all ſuche ſpecialties and bondes, as they ſhall haue taken foz the payment of the ſaid fyrſt fruites by indenture to be made betwene them and the ſayd Treaſozer, oz other commiſſioners, as is afoze ſayde, conteynyng the certaynty and numbze of the ſommes of money, and ſpecialties and bondes by theym taken and receyued. And if any perſon oz perſons, to whom any deputation ſhall be made by cõmiſſion, to cõpounde and agree foz the payment of the ſayd firſt frutis, their heyres, executours, oz adminyſtratours, counceyle oz imbecylle any of the ſayde ſpecialties oz bondes taken foz the ſure payement of the ſayd fyrſt fruites, and do not delyuer them accozdyng to the tenour of this acte, that then euery ſuche offendour ſhall forfayte that office of deputation, and ouer that make fyne & raunſome at the kynges owne pleaſure and wyll.

¶ And it is alſo enacted by auctozitie afozeſaid, that if any perſon oz pſons whiche at any tyme after the ſaid fyrſt daye of Januarie, ſhall be nompnated, elected, prefected, preſented, collated, oz by any other meanes appoynted to any of the dignities, offyces, benefyces, oz other promotyons ſpirytualle befoze mencyoned, doo entre into the actualle and reall poſſeſſyons therof, oz meddell with the profytes therof, befoze they ſhall haue trewelye ſatisfyed and payde to the kynges vſe the fyrſte fruytes and profyttes therof foz one yere, oz elles ſhall haue agreed oz compounded foz payment of the ſame at reaſonable dayes bpon good ſureties, in maner and fourme as by this acte is aboue eſpecifyed, that then euery ſuche perſonne and perſones ſoo doynge and offendynge, and beinge therof conuicte by preſentement, verdyte, Confeſſion, oz wytteneſſe befoze the ſayde lozde Chauncelour, oz ſuche other as ſhall haue auctozitie by commiſſion to compounde foz the ſayd firſt fruites and profyttes, as is afozeſayde, ſhall be accepted and taken an entrewder bppon the kynges poſſeſſion. And that they their executours oz adminiſtratours ſhall pay to the vſe of the kynges hyghnes foz euery ſuche offence, ſo moche ſommes of money, as ſhall amounte to the double value of the ſayde firſte fruites and profites of ſuche dignities benefices oz other ſpiritual promotions, wherin they ſhall ſo entre and entrude befoze the payment of the ſayde fyrſt fruites and profites foz one yere

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therof, or before dewe agrement made for the same, in maner and fourme as is aboue rehersed.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that the firste fruites of benefices heretofore accustomed to be payde to the byshoppe of Norwich within his dioces, and to the archdecon of Rychemounde within his archdeantie, or to any other personne or personnes within this realme, or any other the kynges dominyons, shall frome the sayde firste daye of Januarye cesse and be extincte, and no lenger be payde, but onely to the kynges highnes, his heyres and successours, in suche fourme, as is aboue mencyoned in this acte.

¶ PROVIDED ALVVAYES that archebysshoppes and byshoppes, and all other haupnge iurisdyction ordynarye, maye gyue and delyuer letters of institution and induction, as they myghte doo before the makinge of this acte, without any offence of any artycle conteyned in this acte: any thynge in this acte conteyned to the contrarye therof not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided also, that where there be dyuers celles appertaynynge to monasteries and pryories, and that the pryours of such celles be named and remouable from tyme to tyme at the only wylles and pleasures of theyr maysters and souerayngnes of the monasteries and pryories, wherunto suche celles belonge, that the pryours of suche celles, shall not be compelled to paye any firste fruites by vertue or auctoritie of this acte: any thinge in this acte conteyned to the contrarie therof not withstondinge: but that the firste fruites and profites of euery suche celle shall be payde to the kynges hyghnes, his heires and successours, whanne so euer and as often as any person shall be nominated elected prefected or collated to the monasterie or pryorie, wherunto suche celles belongen.

¶ And ouer this be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that the kinges maiestie, his heires and successours kynges of this realme, for more augmentation and mayntenaunce of the royall estate of his imperiall crowne and dignitie of supreme heed of the churche of Englande, shal verely haue take and enioy and receyue vnited and knytte to his imperiall crowne for euer, one yerely rent or penston, amountynge to the value of the tenthe parte of all the reuenues, rentes, fermes, tythes, offerynges, emolumentes, and of all other prouffites, as well called spirituall as temporall, nowe appertaynynge or belongynge, or that hereafter shall belonge to any archbysshoppryche, byssshoppryche, abbacy, monastery, pryory, archedeaconry, Deaconry, hospytall, colledge, howse collegyate, prebende, cathedrall church, Collegiate churche, Conuentuall churche, Personage, vycarage, chauntry, free chapelle, or other benefyce or promotion Spyrytuall, of what name, nature, or qualytie so euer they be, within any Dyocesse of this Realme or in wales, the sayde penson or Annuell rent, to be verely payed for euer to our sayd souerayngne lorde, to his heyres and successours kynges of this Realme, atte the feaste of the Natyuitie of oure lorde God, and

and the fyrſte payment therof to begyn at the feaſte of the Natiuitie of our lorde god, whiche ſhalbe in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XXXV. And to be payde yerely by ſuche as ſhall be appoynted to haue the collection therof by this acte, in ſuche maner and fourme as ſhall hereafter be lymitted by this acte, byfore the firſte day of Apryll yerely next folowynge after the ſaid feaſte of the Natiuitie of our lorde.

¶ And it is ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie aforeſayde, that the ſayde yerely rent and penſion ſhall be tared rated leuied percepued and payed to the kynges vſe, his heires and ſucceſſours, in maner and fourme hereafter to be declared by this acte. That is to ſaye, that the Chauncellour of Englande for the tyme beinge, ſhall haue power and auctoritie to dyrecte in to euery dioces in this realme and in wales, ſeuerall commiſſions in the kynges name vnder his great ſeale, as well to the archebyſhoppe or byſhoppe of euery ſuche dioces, as to ſuche other perſone or perſones, as the kynges highnes ſhall name and appoynte, commaundynge and auctoryſynge the ſaid commiſſioners for to be named in euery ſuche cõmiſſion, or. iii. of them at the leſt, to examyne ſerche and enquire by all the wayes and meanes that they can by their diſcretions, of and for the true and iuſte, hole and entiere yerely values of all the manours londes tenementes heredytamentes rentes tithes offeringes emolumentes and all other profites as well ſpirituall as temporalle, appertaynynge or belongynge to any archebyſſhoppryche byſhoppryche abbacy monaſterie prioryte archedeconrie deanrie hoſpital colege houſe collegiate prebend cathedrall churche collegiate church conuentuall churche, perſonage, vicarage, chauntrie, free chapell, or to any other benefice or promotion ſpirituall within the lymittes of theyr commyſſyon, with a clauſe to be conteyned in euery ſuche commiſſion, that the ſaid commiſſioners, or. iii. of them at the leaſte, ſhall deducte and alowe in the makynge and ratynge of the ſayde yerely values of the premiſſes, theſe deductions folowynge and none other: That is to ſay, the rentis reſolute to the chyefe lordes, and all other annuell and perpetualle rentes and charges, whiche any ſpirituall perſon or perſones ben bounden yerely to pay to any perſon or perſons, to their heires or ſucceſſours for euer, or to gyue yerelye in almes by reaſon of any foundation or ordynaunce, and all fees for Stewardes Receyuours Bayllyffes and auditours and Synodes and prorys, with an nother clauſe to be alſo conteyned in euery ſuche commiſſion, that the ſaid commiſſioners, or. iii. of them at the leaſt, ſhal certifie vnder theyr ſeales at ſuche dayes as ſhalbe limitted by the ſayde commiſſions, as welle the hole and entiere value, as the deductions aforeſayde of euery archbyſſhopryche byſhopryche abbacy monaſterie prioryte archedeconrie deanry hoſpitall college houſe collegiate prebende cathedall churche collegiate church conuentuall churche perſonage vicarage chauntrie free chapell and of all other benefices & promotions ſpiritual.

¶ And it is ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie aforeſayde, that the ſayde commiſſioners, that ſhalbe ſo appoynted, or. iii. of them at the leeſte, ſhall

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haue fulle power and auctoritye to doo, accomplysshe, and execute the effectes and contentes of theyr sayde commyssions in euerye behalfe: And that euery the sayde commyssioners, before they shall execute theyr sayde commyssion, shall receyue and take a corporall othe before the lorde Chancelloure, or before suche other as shall be appoynted by the saide Chauncelour, by the kynges writte of *dedimus potestatem*, that they shall diligently and trewly without fauour affection frawd couyn mede drede or corruption, do fulfylle and execute the hole effectes and contentes expressed in euery suche commission within the lymittes therof, to theyr connynge wittes and vttermooste of theyr powers.

And it is ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that after suche Certificat made by the sayde commissioners, the sayde yerely rente and pension of the tenthe parte shall be sette tared rated and taken iustely and trusly and indifferentely by the Treasorer, Chauncelloure, Chaumberlayne, and Barons of the kynges Eschequire, of and oute of the clere yerelye value of the premisses that shall be aboue the deductions afore mencioned, and none otherwise. And that euerye archebyshoprych, byshoprych, abbacye, monasterie, priorye, archedeaconrye, deanerye, hospitalle, college, house collegiate, prebende, cathedralle churche, collegiate churche, conuentuall churche, personage, vycarage, chauntrye, free chapelle, or other benefice or promotion spiritualle, shall be seuerally and distinctely tared charged and chargeable in the propre dioceſſe, where they benne, for the payemente of suche portion of the sayde tenthe parte, as shall be tared and sette vppon them by auctoritie of this acte, That is to saye euery of theym by and for theym selfes, shall be tared, charged, and chargeable in the propre dioceſſe, where they benne, for the tenthe parte of the yerelye valewe of theyr possessions and profites to theym belongynge, where so euer theyr sayde possessions and profites shall happen to be or lye in any part of this realme, or els where, in any the kynges dominions, and that none of theym shall be charged or chargeable for the payemente of the others charge or portion.

And it is also enacted by auctoritie afore sayde, that after suche Certificate made into the kynges Eschequire, and tare sette of the tenthe parte, in forme aboue remembred, euery archebyshoppe and byshoppe nowe beinge, and that hereafter shall be charged and chargeable, to leuy, collecte, and receyue within theyr propre dioces, as wel in places exempt, as not exempt, al suche sommes of money, wherwith the dignites, benefices, and other promotions spirituall afore mencioned within theyr dioces, chargeable by this acte, shall be sette tared and charged towardes the paymente of the sayde yerely pension, and shall paye and contente the sayde sommes of money yerely before the sayde fyrste day of Apryl, to the treasorer of the kynges chamber for the time beynge, or to any other personne or personnes, whome hit shall please the kynges highnes to appoynte to receyue the same.

And

And that euery of the ſayde archebyſſhoppes and byſſhoppes, theyr executours and adminyſtratours, and the poſſeſſions of theyr dygnities and churches, ſhall ſtonde charged and chargeable for the ſure and trewe paymente of ſuche ſommes of moneye as they ſhall collecte and receyue of the ſayde yerely rent and penſion.

¶ And that the treaſorer chauncellour chamberlain & barons of the kinges eſchequer, ſhall yerely cauſe proces to be made by theyr diſcretions for none payemente of the ſayde penſion or yerely rente, or any parcell therof ayenſte euery archebiſhop and biſhop of this realme, that is to ſaye, agaynſte euery archebyſhoppe and byſhoppe for ſo moche parte and portion of the ſayde penſion and yerely rente, wherwith the dignities benefices and other promotions ſpirituall afore mencioned within his dioceſſe, ſhall be tared and charged, ſo that euery of the ſayde archebyſhoppes and byſhoppes ſhall be charged and chargeable for the rate and portion of the ſayde yerelye rente and penſion, ſette and tared within his owne peculiar dyoceſſe, and none otherwyſe.

¶ AND BE IT ALSO enacted by auctorite aforeſayd, that euery Archebyſſhoppe and Byſſhoppe, ſhall haue power and auctorite to leuye take and perceyue by auctoryte of cenſures of the churche, or by diſtreſſe, or otherwiſe by theyr diſcretione, all ſuch ſommes of money as ſhalbe rated tared and ſette to go oute of the londes tenementes hereditamentes profites and emolumentes of any dignitie office benefice or other place or promotion ſpyrituall within theyr dioces, towardes the paymente of the ſayde yerely rent and penſion, and that no repleuin prohibition nor Superſedeas vpon any excõmunycation, nor any other wrire or impediment ſhall be ſued alowed or obeyed for any perſonne or perſonnes, makynge defaulte of paymente of ſuche parte and portyon, as they ſhall be rated and tared vnto by auctorite of this acte, tyll ſuche tyme as they haue trewelye ſatiſfied theyr ſayde parte and portion to theym allotted of the ſayde yerelye rente and penſion.

¶ And it is alſo enacted by auctorite aforeſayde, that when ſo euer and as often as any of the archebyſhopryches or biſhopryches happen to be voyde, that then the deane and chapiter of the cathedral churche, or the priour and conuente, or chappter, or conuente of the monaſterye or cathedralle churche, where the See of ſuche archebyſſhopryche or byſſhoppryche, beynge voyde, ſhall happen to be, durynge the tyme of the vacation therof, and theyr executours adminiſtratours and poſſeſſions ſhall be charged and chargeable to doo and cauſe to be done all and euerye thynge and thynges for the dewe executions of this acte, within the dioceſſe of ſuche archebyſſhopryche or byſſhopryche beynge voyde, as the ſame archebyſhoppe or byſſhoppe of the See beynge voyde, ſhoulde haue done, accordynge as hit is ymytted and appoynted by this acte, or by any thynge therein conteyned.

And

¶ And hit is ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that if any somme of money beinge ones due by any incumbente of any of the dygnities benefices or promocions spiritualle afore especifyed, charged to the paymente of the sayde yerely pension and annuelle rente, be reasonably demaunded and requyred any tyme after the sayd feast of the natiuitie of oure lorde, at theyr dygnities, monasteryes, prioryes, hospytalles, colleges, churches, chaunteryes, or houses by the archebyshoppe or byshoppe, or suche as shall be charged with the collectyon of any parte of the sayd pensyon, or by any other theyr mynysters seruauntes or officers, to paye suche porcyon of the sayde pensyon and yerely rente, as they shall be tared and assessed, be not trewely contente and payde vnto suche archebyshoppe or byshoppe, or theyr mynysters and officers, or to suche other personne or persones, or theyr mynysters, or seruauntes, as shall haue the charge of collection therof, euerye yere yerely atte the tyme of suche requeste and demaunde therof, or elles within foretye dayes nexte after euerye suche requeste at the furthest, that then euerye incumbente, makynge suche defaulte of payemente, after suche defaulte therof certified in to the kynges eschequire in wrytynge vnder the seales of any archebyshoppe or byshoppe, or of suche as be lymytted and charged to the collection of the sayd pension by this acte, shalbe adiuged deprined *Ipso facto*, of all suche dignities benefices pensions and promotions spyritualle, as any suche incumbent makynge suche defaulte, shall haue at the tyme of suche Certificate to be made, or at any tyme after. So that alle suche dignities benefyces pensyon and promocyons spyritualle, whiche any incumbente makynge suche defaulte of paymente, shall haue at the tyme of any suche Certifycate to be made, or at any tyme after, shal be clerely voyde and destitute of incumbente in the lawe to alle intentes and purposes, as if suche incumbente makynge suche defaulte of payemente were deade in dede.

¶ And it is ordeyned and enacted, by auctoritie aforesayde, that yf any archebyshoppe or byshoppe, or any other lymytted and charged by this acte to the collection and payemente of the sayde pensyon and annuelle rente, doo make a Certificate in to the kynges eschequire, before the sayde fyrste daye of Aprylll, or at any tyme within foure and twenty dayes nexte after the sayde fyrste daye of Aprylle, that they accordynge to this acte, haue reasonably required and demaunded any incumbente of any dygnitie benefice or promocion spirituall, chargeable by this acte to paye suche parte and porcion of the sayde pensyon and annuell rente, as they shall happen to be assessed vnto, and that suche incumbente, so beinge required, hath not payde his sayde parte and portyon, accordynge to the fourme and effecte of this acte, that then euery such archebyshop and byshoppe and euery other personne hauinge the charge by this acte for collection and payment of the sayde pension and annuel rent, vpon euery suche Certificat, shalbe discharged and acquited for euer agaynst the king,

his heyres and successours, of and for all suche sommes of moneye, as any suche incumbente, agaynste whome suche Certificate shall be made, shoulde or oughte to haue payde by this acte: And that thenne in euerye suche case the treasourer Chauncelloure Chamberlayne and Barons of the kynges Eschequire shall deuyse and dyrecte vppon euerye suche Certificate, suche processe oute of the kynges Eschequire agaynste euerye suche incumbente, agaynste whome any suche Certificate shall be made and theyr executours and administratours, or for insufficiencie of theym, agaynste the successours of euery suche incumbente, whereby the kynges highnes, his heyres and successours shall and maye be trewely aunswered payde and contented of suche portion and parte as the incumbente, agaynste whome any suche certificat shal be made, was taxed and assessed for his dignities benefices or promotions spiritual, chargeable by this acte.

¶ And hit is also ordeyned and enacted by auctorite afore sayd, that all maner of acquitances made by the treasorer of the kynges chaumbre, or by any other suche commissioners, as shall be appoynted, as is aforesayde, to receyue the sayde pensyon or any parte therof, and subscribed with the name of the sayde treasorer or any other suche commissioner for the paymente of the sayde pension or annuell rente, or any parte therof, to any suche person or persons as be symptted and charged with the collection therof, shalbe of as good strength force vertue and effecte to the parties, hauynge the same, as if they were made in the kynges name vnder his greate seale, and so shal be alowed, admitted, and accepted in all courtes of this realme: And that the treasorer, chancellour, chamberlayne, and barons of the kynges Escheker, shall by vertue and auctorite of this acte, as welle admytte and allowe suche acquittances, as alle suche Certificates as shall be made agaynste any incumbent for defaute of payment, as is aboue sayde, vppon the accompte of euerye archebysshoppe and bysshoppe, and of euerye other personne symptted and charged by this acte, for the collectyon and payemente of the sayde pensyon and annuell rente, withoute any writte bill or warrante to be sued in or for that behalfe. And that no maner of officer of the kynges eschequire shall take of any archebishop or bysshop, or of any other persone, hauinge charge with the collection and paimente of the saide pension or annuell rent, any maner rewarde or thinge for makinge their accompt or Quietus est in the same eschequire, or for any maner of thing apperteining to the same, concernynge the sayde pension and annuell rente, vpon peyne of euery officer doing contrary to this act to lose and forfayte his office, and make fine to the kinge at his wyl and pleasure.

¶ And for as moche as euery incumbent of the dignities benefices and promotions spiritual afore mencioned shall be charged by this act to the payment of the .x. parte of the value of theyr dignities benefices and promotions

motions ſpirituall, without any deduction or allowance of ſuche penſion or penſions, wherwith ſome of theym ben charged to paye to theyr predeceſſours, durynge theyr lyues, or to other perſonnes to the vſe of ſuche theyr predeceſſours durynge theyr lyues, hit is therefore ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie afore ſayde, that hit ſhall be lauſuille to euerye incumbente charged with any ſuche penſion, payeable to any his predeceſſours, or to any to his vſe, to reteyne and kepe in his hande the tenthe parte of euerye ſuche penſion: And that euerye ſuche incumbente and his ſuertyes, ſhall frome henceforthe be acquyted and diſcharged of the ſayde tenthe parte of euerye ſuche penſyon, by vertue and auctoryte of this preſente acte, any decree ordenaunce or aſſignemente of any ſuche ordynarye, or any collateralle wryttynge or ſuertye made for ſuche penſion to any ſpirytualle perſonne or perſonnes, or to any to theyr vſes for terme of theyr lyues in any wyſe not withſtondyge. And that as well euerye incumbente as ſuche perſonnes as ſtonde bounden for hym, for payemente of any ſuche penſyons, ſhall pleade this acte in euerye of the kynges courtes, for the clere extynguyſhmente and diſcharge of the tenthe parte of euery ſuche penſion.

¶AND BE IT ALSO ORDEYNED AND enacted by auctoritie aforeſayde, that noo penſyon ſhall hereafter be aſſygned by the ordinarie or by any other maner of agremente by collateralle ſuretye, or otherwyſe, vpon any reſignation of any dignitie benefyce or promotyon ſpiritualle, aboue the valewe of the thyrde parte of the dignitye, benefice, or promotion ſpiritualle reſygned: and yf any penſyon, amountynge aboue the valewe of the thyrde parte of the dignytie benefyce or promotyon ſpyrytualle heretofore reſygned, be all redy limitted and made ſure to any ſpiritualle perſonne or perſonnes, by decree of the ordinarie, or other wyſe by any collateralle ſuretie, or here after ſhall happen to be aſſigned and made ſure to any perſone or perſonnes ſpiritualle, or to any other to theyr vſe, by decree of the ordinarye, or by any other collaterall ſurety, vppon any reſygnation therof, yet neuer the leſſe the incumbente charged with ſuche penſion, nor his ſuretyes collateralle, ſhall not be compelled to paye any more penſion than the valewe of the thyrde parte of his dignitie benefice or promotion ſpiritualle ſo reſygned ſhall mounte vnto: but ſhall, by auctoritie of this acte, be clerelye acquited and diſcharged of ſoo moche of the ſayde penſion, as ſhall amounte aboue the value of the thyrde parte of the dygnitie or benefice reſygned: any decree or aſſignemente of the ordynarye, or any collateralle wryttynges or ſuretties heretofore made or hereafter to be hadde or made for the ſame, to the contrarye thereof not withſtondynge.

¶And for as moch as dyuers abbottes & priours ben charched to pay gret penſions to ſōdry theyr predeceſſours yet liuing, to the gret decay of their hoſ-

pitalities and house kepynge: Be it enacted by auctoritie aforsayde, that euerye suche precessour of suche abbottes, or priours, hauynge any pension made sure vnto them, or to any to theyr vse durynge theyr lyues, amountynge aboue the yerely value of. xl. li. shal frome hensforth be defalked and abated of the moyte and halfe deale of euery such pensyon. And that euery abbot and all other persones charged for the payemente of suche pension aboue the sayde yerely value of. xl. li. shal be clerely acquited and discharged by auctoritie of this acte of the moytie and halfedele therof for euer. Any decree or assygnemente therof by the ordinarie, or any writinge or suretye collaterall had or made for the suretie therof notwithstandyng.

¶ And for as moche as the lorde priour of sayncte Johñs of Jherusalem in Englande and his bretherne be not specially named and expressed in this acte, wherby ambyguitie mought aryse, whether they shulde be comprised within the lymittes of this acte: It is therfore for playne declaration therof enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that euery person and persones, whiche after the sayd fyrst daye of January, shall happen to be nominated, elected, collated, or by any other meanes appointed to the dygnytie of the sayde prior of saynt Johñs of Jherusalem in Englande, or to any commaundry apperteynyng vnto the same, shall before theyr actuall and reall entre into the same dignitie or commandry, or medlynge with the profittes therof, satysfie, & paye to the vse of the kynges hyghnes, his heires and successours, the fyrste fruites and profites therof for one hole yere, or agree or compounde for the same at reasonable dayes, in lyke maner and forme and vpon lyke peyne in euery behalfe, as archebyshops and byshoppes, and other spyrytuall persons ben bounde to, by vertue and auctoritie of this acte. And that also the priour of saynt Johñs nowe beynge, and his successours, and euery of his bretherne, hauynge any commaundrye, & theyr successours, shall contribute, and paye yerely to the kynges hyghnes, his heyres and successours, one yerely rent and pension amountyng to the tenth part of al theyr possessions and profytes as well spiritualle as temporalle: And shall be charged, rated, taxed, and sette to the contribution and payemente of the sayde tenthe parte. And that also the sayde tenthe parte shall be leuyed, collected, and payd, in suche lyke maner and fourme, to all intentes & purposes, as the tenthe parte of other dignities & benefices spirituall shall be charged, taxed, set, leuied, collected and payed by auctoritie of this acte.

¶ And for as moche as in sondry and many Cathedrall churches, Colleges, and hospitalles of this realme, there is and tyme out of mynde hathe ben certayne ordenaunces instituted and made, whereby the Deane, Prouoste, mayster or other chiefe goneruoure of suche churches, colleges, and hospitalles hath a certayne parte and portion of the possessyons and profittes belongynge to suche churches, colleges, and hospitalles, all onelye lymitted and belongynge to theyr offices and dignyties: And euerye prebendarye, brother, vycare, felowe, petie canon, and other ministres spiritualle in suche churches, colleges, and hospitalles hath an other portion

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al onely and distinctly ymnitted, apperteynynge and belongynge to theyr dignities and offices in suche churches, hospitalles, and colleges: It is therfore prouided and ordeyned by auctoritie afore sayde, that suche person and persons, whiche at any tyme after the sayde fyrste daye of January shall be nominated, elected, presented, prefected, collated, or by other meanes appoynted to be deane prouoste mayster or other chefe gouernour of suche cathedralle churches colleges or hospytalles, shall be rated compounde and paye for theyr fyrste fruites but onely after the rate of the yerelye value of the possessions and profittes, ymnitted and belongynge to theyr office and dygnitie. And that euery other personne and personnes, that after the sayde fyrste daye of Januarye shall be nominated elected presented prefected collated or by any other meanes appoynted to haue any prebende, brothershyppe, felowshyppe, or to be any vycare or petie canon, or to haue any other dygnitie or office spirituall in any suche cathedrall churches colleges or hospitalles, shall be rated compounde and paye for their fyrste fruites after the rate of the yerelye value of the possessions and profittes ymnytted and belongynge to theyr dignities and offices in suche churches colleges and hospitalles, and none other wyse. Any thing in this act to the contrary herof in any wise notwithstandynge.

¶PROVIDED alwayes, that suche persone or personnes, that after the sayde fyrste daye of January shall be presented and collated to any personage or vycarage, wherof the yerely value shall not excede eyghte markes, shall not be compelled to paye any fyrste fruites for any suche personage or vicarage, where vnto they shall be presented or collated, not beinge aboue the sayde yerely value of eyght markes: Excepte that the Incumbent presented or collated to suche personage or vycarage, wherof the yerely value shall not excede eyghte markes, do lyue thre yeres nexte and immediatly folowinge after his Institution induction or collation to suche personage or vycarage. And if suche Incumbent do lyue after the sayde thre yeres, then he or his executours or administratours shall paye at dayes to be ymptted after the sayde yeres vpon suerties (as is aforesaid) the first fruites of euery suche personage and vycarage. And that in euery obligation to be made by any incumbent of suche personage or vicarage, and his suerties for payment of the fyrste fruites of suche personage or vicarage, there shal be cõteined a prouiso, that if the sayd incumbent die within. iii. yeres nexte after the date of the institution, induction, or collation of the said personage or vicarage, that then the obligation shall be voyde and of none effecte. Any thinge in this acte to the contrary hereof notwithstanddyng.

¶AND OVER this where the clergie of the prouince of Caunterbury in their conuocation haue graunted vnto the kynges hyghnes one hundred thousande poundes, and the clergie of the prouince of Yorke. xviii. thousande eyghte hundred foxtye. li. x. d. to be payed by euen porcions in fiue yeres, and that whiche coulde not be leuied therof in the same. v. yeres to be payed in the. vi. yere, as by the tenoure of theyr seuerall graunter,

therof made in theyr seuerall conuocacions, more playnlye appereth: It maye please the kynges maiestie, of his excellent goodnes, in consideratyon that the sayde yerely pension and annuell rente shall be yerelye from henseforth duely payed and satisfied to his highnes, and to his heyres and successours, accordynge to the tenour forme purport and effect of this presente acte, that it may be enacted by auctorite of this presente parlyamente, that the clergie of the sayd prouince of Caunterburie and euery of them, shalbe discharged and acquited ageynste our said souerayne lorde, his heires, and successours of and for the. xx. M. li. parcell of the sayd. C. M. li. which shuld be payed in the. v. yere of payment lymitted by theyr graunte: And that the clergie of the sayde prouince of Yorke shall lyke wyse be discharged and acquited of and for all suche sommes of money, parcell of the sayd. xviii. M. DCCC. xl. li. x.d. which shuld be payed in the. v. yere of payment limitted by theyr graunt: any thinge in theyr sayd seueral grauntes therof made in any wise not withstondinge.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that all the residue of sommes of money, whiche be yet to be payed, and not released nor discharged by this acte, shall be truely payed and satisfied to oure sayde souerayne lorde, his heyres or successours, accordynge to the tenoure, forme, and effecte of theyr sayde seuerall grauntes.

¶ Prouided also, that all suche fees, whiche any archebyshoppe byshoppe abbot priour or other prelate of the churche is bounden yerely to paye to any Chauncellour, master of the Rolles, Justices, Shyriffes, or other officers or mynisters of record, for temporall Justice to be done or ministred within theyr dioces or iurisdictions, shall be alowed and deducted by the commissioners aforesayd in and vpon the valuation of the dignities monasteries priories or churches chargeable with suche fees: Any thinge in this acte to the contrary hereof notwithondynge.

¶ An acte for punisshement of periurye of Jurours in the lordshyps marchers in Wales. ca. iiii.

WHere for lacke of dylygente and sure custody of Jurours sworne for trials of murders, felons, and accessaryes of felonyes and murders in Wales, and the marches of the same, dyuers adherentes frendes and kynsfolkes to suche offendours haue resorted to the same iurours, and haue suborned them to acquite dyuers murderers felons and accessaries, openly and notoriously knowen, cõtrary to equite and iustice: It is therfore enacted by the kynge oure souerayne lorde, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parlyament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same, that forth with vpon the charge gyuen to any inquest hereafter to be taken and sworen before any Justiciar, Stewarde, Lieutenaunt, or other officer within

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wales or the marches of the same, of for and vpon any trauerse agaynst the kynge, or the triall of any recognisaunce broken, or any other forfapture forfayted to the kynge, or of for and vpon the tryall of any murderer felone or accessary of felony or murder, one officer or other person shall be deputed and sworne in the presence of the sayde iusticiar or other officer for the trewe and diligente keppynge of the same iurours: And that the same officer or other person so sworne without the speciall commaundement of the said Iusticiar or other officer, shall not do or suffre to be ministred to the same iurours any breade drynke or meate, fire or lyghte, nor shall suffre the same Iurours to speake to any personne or personnes, nor the same officer or other person sworne, without the commandment aforesayd, shall not speake to the sayde iurours, but only to demaund of them of theyr agrement, vnto suche tyme as the same iurours shall haue gyuen theyr verdyte, any vsage or custome heretofore vsed to the contrary not withstondynge: And if the same officer or other personne so sworne in forme aforesayd, do not execute and accomplyshe the premisses in the othe before rehersed in euery poynte and article, than the same officer or other persone so sworne shall be punysshed and imprisoned, and make fyne and raunsom to the kynges hyghnes by the discretion of the sayde Justiciar, Stewarde, Lieutenaunte, or other officer.

¶ And also be it enacted by thauctorite aforesayd, that if the same iurours do acquite any suche felone, murderer, or accessary, vpon whose triall they shalbe charged, or gyue any vntrue verdite ayenste the kynge, vpon the triall of any trauerse recognisaunce or other forfapture, contrary to good and pregnaunte euidence ministred to them by persons sworne before the sayde Justiciar, Steward, Lieutenaunt, or other officer, or that the sayd iurours or any of them do eate drynke or speake to or with any other personne or persons, then to suche as be sworne with them, or otherwise misdemeane themselfes after they be sworne, and before they haue gyuen theyr verdite, that then the lorde presidente, and other of the counsayle of the marches for the tyme beynge, vpon notice or complaynt therof to them made, shall not onely haue power and auctorite by this presente acte to call suche iurours before them; but also the same Justiciar, Stewarde, or other officer, afore whom any suche acquitall, vntrewe verdit, or misdemeanour shal happen to be made, shall haue full power and auctorite to compell suche iurours and euery of them vpon peyne of imprisonmente to be bounden by recognisaunce in a certayne somme of money, by theyr discretion to be lymytted, that the same iurours and euery of them shal personallye appere atte a certayne day, by the same Justiciar, Steward, or other officer to be lymited before the lorde president, and other of the counseyl aforesayd, for the tyme beinge: then and there to abyde and stonde to suche direction & order, as the same counseyll shall make ordeyne and decree of in and vpon the same. And that the same counsell shall therupon haue auctorite and power by examination or other wise, to here and determyne all and euerye suche cause,

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and shall haue lyke auctoritie to committe euery of the same iurours to prison, or other punishemente, as shalbe thought moste mete by the discretion of the sayde counseyll, or otherwyse assesse or taxe euery suche iurour to his fyne or raunsome by the same discretion to be payed and leuied of their landes goodes and cattalles to the vse of the kynges hyghnes.

An acte that kepers of feryes on the water of Seuerne shall nat conuey in theyr fery botes any maner of person goodes or cattals after the sonne goynge downe, tyll the son be vp. ca. v.

For as moche as dayly dyuers felonyes, robberyes, and murders ben many tymes commytted and done in the counties of Glouc. and Somercet, in the partyes nere adioyninge vnto the water called the water of Seuerne betwene Englande and Southewales, and after suche murders and felonyes don, the said robbers felons and murderers with the sayde goodes so robbed and stolne, make theyr conueyaunce with the sayd goodes so stolne, by nyght at diuers passages or feryes ouer the sayde ryuer or water, as the passages of Auste, Fremelande, Pyrton, Arlyngham, Nowenham, Portsedes, Poynte, and all suche other lyke passages ouer the sayde ryuer in to Southwales, or in to the foreste, called the forest of Dene, also adioynynge to the same water. And whan they be ouer the sayde water, than the goodes so stolen be by diuerse priuileges there kepte, all be it the owner and owners haue trewe and perfete knowledge therof, yet they soo robbed and spoyled be withoute remedy for to obteyne theyr sayde goodes so stolne, and soo that the secrete and sodeyn conueyaunce by nyghte of the sayd goodes ouer the sayde feries and passages doth not onely greatly encourage dyuerse persones to come out of the parties of Southwales to steale robbe and murder dyuerse persons in theyr houses in the sayde counties ioynynge vpon the sayde borders of wales, but also causeth many robberyes and felonyes in sondrye wayes to be commytted and done vpon the sayde border nere adioynynge to the same ryuer, to the greatte domage and hurte of the kynges subiectes inhabytynge there, onelesse some remedy therfore be prouided. It maye therfore please the kynge oure soueraygne lorde, and the lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons in this present parliamente assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same to enacte, that euery person or persons takyng vpon hym or them to haue & kepe any of the sayd passages, or any other passages vppon Seuerne aforesayd, from hensforth do not conuey nother cary with any maner barge, boote, or other vessell, any persone or persones with horses, mares, oxen, kye, or any other cattal, nor no other persone or persones before the tyme of the sonne rysynge in the mornynge, and after the tyme of the sonne beynge gon down at nyght, vpon peyne of imprisonmente and fyne to sette on hym that shall soo conueye or carye ouer any of the sayd passages

ſages of the ſayde ryuer of Seuerne out of England in to Wales, or the foreſt of Dene, or out of Wales or the ſayde foreſte of Dene in to England, oneles the ſayde paſſengers and euery of them haue good knowlege of ſuch perſon and perſons, and of theyr dwellynge places, and vppon requeſte to them made by any perſone or perſones to diſcloſe the name and the dwellynge place of euery ſuche perſon or perſons, ſo by them conueyed ouer the ſayde water, to any ſuche perſone or perſones requiringe the ſame, if ſuite be made for or after them vpon any outcry, hute, or freſhe ſuyte of or for any felonye, robberie, murder, and manſlaughter, committed and done from henſeforth. And that the kynges Juſticiars of peace within euery the ſayd counties of Glouc. & Somerſet, at theyr quarter ſeſſions, ſhall haue fulle power and auctoritie to call before them all ſuche perſons, which hereafter ſhall kepe any of the ſayde paſſages, or any other ferye or paſſage ouer the ſayde water in to Wales, or the ſayde foreſt, or out of Wales or the ſaid foreſt into Englande, and to bynde them with ſufficiente ſureties with theym in recognizaunce in ſuche ſommes of money as it ſhal ſeme to the diſcretion of the ſayde Juſticiars of peace, that they and euery of them beinge paſſengers and kepers of ferryes and paſſages, as is afore ſayde, from henſforthe ſhall not after the ſayde tymes before lymitted and appoynted, conueye or cary, or cauſe to be conueyed or caryed any maner of perſon or perſones, or any kynde of cattall, but ſuche perſones as they do knowe & wyll aunſwere for, and knowe where theyr abydynges, dwellynges, and habytations be, and vpon requeſt made to them or any of them, as is aboue ſayd, ſhall from tyme to tyme diſcloſe as wel the ſame perſon or perſons, as the goodes and cattals ſo paſſyng the ſayde paſſages vpon freſhe ſute made or hereafter to be made vppon any felony, murder, or robbery committed and done in the borders of the countyes aforeſayd, or in any other place within this realme or ſouthwales.

An acte that murders and felonies done or committed within any lordſhyppe marcher in wales, ſhalbe inquired of at the ſeſſions holden within the ſhyre groundes next adioynynge, with many good orders for miniſtration of Juſtice there to be had. capitulo. vi.

FOr as moche as the people of Wales, and the marches of the ſame, not dreadynge the good and holſome lawes and ſtatutes of this realme, haue of longe tyme contynued and perſeuered in perpetration and commiſſion of dyuers and manyfolde thefftes, murders, rebellyons, wylfull burnynge of houſes, and other ſcelerouſe deedes and abhominable malefactis, to the hyghe diſpleaſure of god, inquietation of the kynges wel diſpoſed ſubiectes, and dyſturbaunce of the publyke weale, whiche malefactes and ſcelerouſe deedes be ſoo roted and fyxed in the ſame people, that they be not lyke to ceaſſe, oneleſſe

lesse some sharpe correction and punyshement for redresse and amputation of the premisses be prouyded, accordynge to the demerytes of the offendours. Be it therfore enacted by the kynge oure soueraygne lorde, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this parlyamente assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that all and synguler personne and persons dwellynge or resyante within Wales, or in the lordeshyppes marches of the same, from tyme to tyme, and at all tymes, hereafter, vpon suche monition or warnynge gyuen for the courte to be kepte in Wales or in any of the lordeshyppes marches afore sayde, as before this tyme hathe ben vsed, shall personally repayre, resorte, and appere before the Justice, Stewarde, Lieutenaunte, or other officer at all and euery sessyons, courte and courtes to be holden before the same Justice, Stewarde, or other officer in any what so euer castelle, fortresse, or other place within Wales, or within the precyncte lymittes and iurisdictions of euerye of the lordeshyppes marchers or segnories afore sayde, or the marches of the same, as by the sayde Justice Stewarde or other officer shall be appoynted: And thanne and there shall gyue his or theyr personall attendaunce, to doo, execute, and accomplyshe all and euery thynge and thynges, whiche to hym or theym shall affere and appertayne, vppon peyne of suche fynes forfaytures and amercyamentes, as shall be affered, assessed, and taxed by the Justice, Stewarde, or other officer to the kynges vse, if hit be within anye of the kynges lordeshyppes marchers. And if it be within any other lordshyppes marches, thenne to the vse of the lorde of the sayde lordeshyppe marcher, for the tyme beinge: The sayde forfaytures and amercyamentes to be leuyed perceyued and taken by way of distresse of the goodes and cattalles of euery personne not apperynge atte the sayde courte or courtes, or not doynge, executynge, or accomplyshynge his duetye, as is aboue sayde.

¶ AND FOR AS MOCHE as the offycers in the lordeshyppes marchers in wales haue ofte and sondrye tymes heretofore vnlawefullye exacted the kynges subiectes within suche lordeshyppes, where they haue hadde rewle or auctorytye, by many and sondrye wayes and meanes, and also commytted theym to strayghte duresse and imprysonmente for smalle and lyghte fayned causes, and extorcyouselye compelled theym therby to paye vnto theym fynes for theyr redemptyons, contrarye to the lawe. Therfore be hit further enacted, that if any Stewarde, Lieutenaunte, or anye other offycer of any lordeshyppe marcher, doo fayne, procure, or imagyn any vntrewe surmyse agaynste any person or persons, that shall so gyue theyr personall attendaunce before them at such court or courtes, and vppon the same vntrewe surmyse commytte theym to any duresse or imprisonmente, contrary to the lawe, or contrary to the true and lawdable custome of that lordeshyp, that then vppon suite made vnto the kynges commissioners or counseyll of marches for the tyme beynge, by anye suche

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perſon or perſones ſo impriſoned, or by any of theyr frendes, that then the ſame commiſſioners or counſayle, ſhall haue full power and auctoryte, to ſende for ſuche Stewarde, lyeutenaunte, or officer, and alſo for the perſon or perſones ſo impriſoned. And if the ſame perſon or perſons ſo impriſoned can euidently proue before the ſayde counſeyll by good and ſubſtanciall wytnes, or other wyſe, that his impriſonmente was vppon any feyned ſurmyſe, without cauſe reſonable or laufull, that thenne the ſame commyſſioners ſhall haue full power and auctoritie to aſſeſſe the ſayde officer to pay to the ſayde perſon or perſons wrongefully impriſoned. vi. s. viii. d. for euerye daye of theyr impriſonmente, or more, by the diſcretions of the ſayde commiſſioners, accordynge to the hurtes and behauoure of the perſonne or perſones impriſoned. And that the ſame commiſſioners ſhall ſette further fyne vpon the ſayde officer to be payde to the kynges vſe, as by theyr diſcretions ſhalbe thought conueniente. And in caſe the ſame officers do refuſe to appere before the ſame commiſſyonres incontynente after any commaundemente to them directed and delyuered, after any ſuche compleynte made to the ſame commiſſioners, that then the ſame commyſſioners ſhall haue full power and auctoritie vpon euerye defaulte made by any officer or officers to aſſeſſe and ſette vpon euery ſuche officer or officers makynge defaut, ſuche fyne or fynes, to be leuied to the kynges vſe, as by theyr diſcretions ſhall be thought conueniente. And that the ſame commiſſyoners ſhall haue full power and auctoritie to compell the ſayde officer or officers by way of impriſonmente, as well to paye ſuche fyne as ſhall be ſet and tared vpon them to the kynges vſe, as to paye vnto euery perſone or perſones ſo impryſoned ſuche ſommes of money, as they ſhall be ceſſed to paye for theyr wronge impriſonmente.

¶ And alſo be it enacted by auctoritie aforeſayde, that no perſon or perſons dwellynge or reſyaunte within wales or the lordeſhyppes marchers of the ſame, of what eſtate degree or condition ſo euer he or they be of, commynge, reſortynge, or repayrynge vnto any ſeſſions or courte, to be holden within Wales, or any lordeſhyppes marches of the ſame, ſhall bryngе or beare, or cauſe to be broughte or borne to the ſame ſeſſyons or courte, or to any place within the diſtaunce of two myles frome the ſame ſeſſions or courte, nor to any towne, churche, fayre, market, or other congregation, excepte it be vpon a hute, or outcrye, made of any felony, robbery done or perpetrated, nor in the hyghe wayes in affray of the kynges peace, or the kynges liege people, any byll, longe bowe, croſbowe, handgon, ſwerde, ſtaffe, dagger, halberd, moreſpyke, ſpere, or any other maner of weapon, preuie coote, or armour defenſyue, vpon peyne of forfayture of the ſame weapon, preuy cote, or armour, and to ſuffre impryſonemente, and make fyne and raunſome to the kynges hyghnes by the diſcretion of the kynges commyſſioners of his marches for the tyme beinge, excepte it be by the commaundemente lycence or aſſente of the ſayde iuſtices Steward or other officer, or of the commiſſyoners or counſell of the marches for the tyme beynge. And that no perſone

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nor persones from henseforthe, without lycence of the sayd commissioners in wrytynge, shall within wales or marches of the same, or in any shyres adioynynge to the same, require procure gather or leuye any Commorthe, Bydalle, tenauntes ale, or other collection or exaction of goodes cattalles money or any other thynge vnder colour of maryenge or suffrynge of theyr chyldren sayeng or syngynge theyr fyrste masses or gospelles of any prestes or clerkes, or for redemption of any murder or any other felony, or for any other maner of cause, by what name or names so euer they shall be called, nor shall make or procure to be made, any games of ronnynge wrestelynge leapynge or any other games, the game of shotynge onely excepted and forprised, vpon peyne of one hole yeres imprisonmente of euery person or personnes, as shall gather or procure to be gathered, any suche collection or exaction, or shall make or procure to be made any games, as is aforesayde. And further they and euery of them shall make suche fyne, as by the discretion of the kynges commyssioners of his marches, shalbe thoughte conuenyent. And further the sayde commyssioners, by this present act, shal haue power and auctoritie, to here and determyne the sayd offences by theyr examynation. And that no person or persones shall hereafter at any tyme cast any thynge in to any courte within Wales or in the lordshyppes marchers of the same by the meane or name of an Arthel, by reason wherof the courte maye be letted distourbed or discontynued for that tyme, vpon peyne of one hole yeres inprisonmente of any suche persone or persones, as shall caste or cause to be caste any suche Arthel in to any courte or courtes hereafter to be holden within wales or the lordeshyps marches of the same. Any custome before this tyme vsed to the contrary not withstondynge.

¶ And that all sessions and courtes hereafter to be holden within Wales, or the lordeshyppes marches of the same, shalbe kept within the most surest and peasyble place within the same lordeshyppe marcher, where the sayde Justice Stewarde or other offycer shall apoynte, and for the punyshemente and spedy tryals as wel of the counterfeytters of any coyne currant within this realme, wesshynge, clyppyng, or minishing of the same, as of al and singuler felonies, murthers, wylfull burnynge of howses, mans laughters, robberyes, burgularies, rapes, & accessaryes of the same, and other offences feloniously done parpetrated and commytted, or hereafter to be doone parpetrated and commytted within any lordeshyppe marcher of wales: Be hit enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the Justices of the Gaole delyuerye, and of the peace and euery of them, for the tyme beynge in the shyre or shires of Englande, where the kynges wrytte runneth, nexte adioynyng to the same lordeshyp marcher, or other place in Wales, where suche counterfaytynge weshynge clyppynge or mynishynge of any coyne currant with in this realme, or murther hath ben or hereafter shalbe committed or done, or where any other felonyes or accessaryes shalbe hereafter cōmitted perpetrated or done, shall haue from hensforth full power and auctoritie, at theyr sessions and Gaole delyuerye, to enquire by verdicte of twelue men of the

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same shire or shires, next adioynynge within Englande, where the kynges writte ronneth, there to cause all suche counterfaytours, wasshers, clyppers of money, felons murderers, and accessaries to the same, to be indited accordynge to the lawes of this lande, in like maner and fourme, as yf the same pety treasons, murders, felonies, and accessaries to the same had bene done committed or perpetrated within any of the sayde shyres, within the sayde realme: and also to here determyne and iudge the same, accordynge to the lawes of the realme. And that all foreyne plees, pleaded by any of the sayde malefactours, and offendours, shall be tryed and determyned in the sayde shyre or shyres: and that the acquytalle or fyne makynge for any of the causes aforesayde, in any of the lordeshyppes marches, shall be no barre for any personne or persones, beinge indicted in the sayde shyre or shires, within two yeres nexte after any suche murder or felonye done.

¶ And further hit is enacted, that the sayde Justyces of peace and Gaole delyuerye, and euery of theym, shall haue fulle power and auctoritie to awarde all maner of proces, as well of outlawry as otherwise, ayenste all and euery suche offendour and offendours, soo indited in maner and forme and accordynge to the custommes and lawes vsed and accustomed within this realme of Englande. And that the sayde Justices, or two of theym, afore whome any suche offender shall happen to be outelawed or atteynted by outlagarye, shall immediately vppon the same vtlagarye or atteynder, directe and sende vnto the kynges officers of hys lordeshyppes marchers, or to theyr deputies, or vnto the lorde or lordes marchers of the same lordeshyppe marcher, or to his or theyr officer or officers, or to theyr deputies, wherin suche offence murther or felonye shall happen to be doone, or where any suche offendour, mourderer, or felone, shall happen to be resyaunte, a Certificate vnder the seales of them or two of theym, of any suche outlagary or atteynder, commaundyng them and euery of them by the same vnder peyne of forfayture of a hondred pounde to the kynge, to be leuyed and perceyued, as well of the goodes cattals londes and tenementes of the same lorde or lordes marchers, as of the good and cattalles londe and tenementes of the kynges officer there, to apprehende and attache, or cause to be apprehended and attached the bodye or bodyes of the same offendoure or offendours, soo outelawed or atteyntedde and saufely to kepe, or cause to be kepte the same offendoure or offendours, tylle suche conuenyente tyme before the nexte sessyons of the kynges Justices of his gaole delyuerie, of the shire, where suche offendour or offendours shall happen to be outlawed or atteynted, as to the kynges officers of his lordeshyppes marchers, or to theyr deputyes, or vnto the lorde marcher or lordes marchers of the same lordeshyppe marcher, or to his or theyr officer or officers, or theyr deputies, where suche offendour or offendours shall be apprehended attached deteyned and kepte, shall be thought expedyente for the conueyaunce and conductynge of the same offendour or offendours, in maner

and fourme folowynge to be delyuered frome the kynges officers or theyr deputies, or the lorde marcher or the lordes marchers, or his or theyr officer or officers, to other persons assigned by this acte to receyue and conuey sure the offendour or offendours, by indenture to be made betweene the delyuerour or delyuerours, and the receyuour or the receyuours: That is to saye, that the kynges officers of his lordshyp marcher or theyr deputyes, or the lorde or lordes marchers of the lordeshyp marcher, or his or theyr officer or officers or theyr deputies, where suche offendour or offendours shall be apprehended attached deteyned and kept, shall saufely and surely conducte & conuey, or cause to be conducted and conueyed the same offendour or offendours, to the nexte lordeshyp marcher towarde the shire, where the same offendour or offendours shall happen to be outelawed or atteynted. And that the kynges officers of the same lordeshyp marcher or theyr deputies, or the lorde or lordes marchers of the same lordeshyp marcher or his or theyr officer or officers, or theyr deputies shall receyue and saufelye and surelye conducte and conuey the same offendour or offendours, to the nexte lordeshyp marcher. And so the kynges officers of euery lordeshyp marcher, or theyr deputies or the lord or lordes marchers of the same lordeshyppe, or his or their officer or officers or theyr deputies, to receyue conducte and conuey saufely and surely euery suche offendour or offendours from one lordshyp marcher to an other lordship marcher, by endenture, as is afore sayde, vnto the time that suche offendour or offendours, shalbe saufely delyuered before the said Justices of the gaole delyuerye, vppon peyne of forfayture by euery of the kynges officer or lorde marcher, by whole defaute the same offendour or offendours, shall ne may not appere before the same iustices at theyr sayd sessions, there to stande and abyde the order of the kynges lawes. C. li. to be leuied and perceyued of the goodes and cattalles, landes and tenementes of the same officer or lorde to the kynges vse. And that all and euerye officer and officers, lorde and lordes, or other personnes, to whome any certificat shalbe directed, as is aboue sayde, shall at the nexte Sessions and Gaole delyuery, to be holden after the prehension or attachemente of such offendour or offendours, retourne the same Certificate in dewe forme, and what he or they haue done in that behalfe, vppon the peyne aforesaid. Saynge alwaye to all and euery offendour and offendours, all and synguler trauerses, chalenges, exception, aduauntages, and al other plees to of and vpon the outlawrye pronounced or promulged ageynste the same offendour or offendours, in maner and fourm as is and hath be vsed and accustomed by the lawes of this realme for any the kinges subiectes dwelling within the same realme.

¶ Prouyded alwayes and be hit enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if any personne or personnes, whiche shall happen hereafter to be indyted outelawed arrayned conuycted or atteynted by force of this acte, doo fynde suche sufficient suretyes before the kynges Justices of his Gaole delyuerye, as by theyr discretion shall be thoughte conuenient, that the same

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perſone or perſones ſhall not from thensforthe commytte nor doo any felonye mourder or felonyous offence, nor be accellarie to any felonie mourder or felonious offence, but at all tymes from thensforthe ſhal be of good behauour agaynſte the kynge our ſoueraygne lorde, his heires and ſucceſſours, his and their lawes, & ſubiectes, that then the ſame Juſtices of gaole delyuerie for the tyme beinge, with and by thaſſent conſent and agrement of the lorde preſident, and two of the kynges commiſſioners or counſayle of the marches for the tyme beinge, or three of theym at the leaſte, whereof the lorde preſident, or one of the ſaide counſaile to be one, ſhall and may by their diſcretion for one tyme onely, admytte any ſuche offendour to a certeyne fyne or ſome of money on hym by them to be aſſeſſed and taxed, to be ſurely payde to the kynges vſe, and ſhall haue ful power and auctoritie by this preſent acte to diſcharge any ſuche offendour or offendours, ſo attrayned outlawed conuicted and atteynted of al and euery ſuche felony mourder or felonious offence and accellaries of the ſame, and of al executions & punyſhmentes of deth, whiche the ſame offendour or offendours ſhuld ſuffer by the common lawes of this realme: ſo that the ſame offendour or offendours ſtonde not appeled of the ſayde felonye murther or felonious offence, or as accellarie of the ſame offences, at the tyme of his ſayd diſcharge. And that euery ſuche offendour ſo diſcharged, as is aboue ſayde, ſhalbe for the ſame offence or offences done within any of the kynges lordſhips marchers, or any other lordeſhyppes marchers, diſcharged as welle agaynſte the kynges highnes, his heires and ſucceſſours, as agaynſt al other lordes marchers for one tyme onely.

¶ Prouided alwaye, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayde, that this preſent act, or any thynge therin conteyned, ſhall not extende ne take place to abridge deprpue or minorate any lyberties prriuilege or auctorpte of any lord marchar, heretofore granted to the ſame lorde, or laufully vſed or accuſtomed by the ſaid lorde, or any of his auncetours, onles the forſaid offendours happen to be indited outlawed arrayned conupcted or attepnted by force of this acte, as is aboue ſayde, within two peres, nerte after ſuche mourther or other felonyous offence perpetrated done or commytted within the ſayde lordeſhippes marchers or any of theym: Any thynge in this prſente acte before reherſed to the contrarye not withſtondynge.

¶ And further more be hit enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayde, that alle murthers robberies felonies and accellaries of the ſame, whiche ſhal happen hereafter to be doone perpetrated or commytted within the ſhyre of Weronyth in Wales, ſhall and maye be frome henſeforthe enquired herde and determined in the counties of Carneruan or Angleſee, before the kynges Juſtice of northe Wales, or his deputie for the tyme beinge, by verdycte or inqueſt to be taken by the inhabytauntes of the ſame ſhires of Carneruan and Angleſee, or otherwyſe, if by the diſcretion of the Juſtice there or his deputie, ſhall be thought conueniente.

And that the same Justice or his deputie for the tyme beinge shal haue ful power and auctorite by his discretion, by force of this present acte, to here and determyne al and euery the foresayde murders felonies robberies and accessaries, in fourme aforesayd.

¶ And where heretofore vppon dyuers murders robberies and felonyes perpetrated and done, as well within the lordshyppes marchers of wales, as in other places of wales without the same lordeshyppes, the offenders dyuers tymes flee and escape frome the same lordeshyppe or other place, where suche offence was commytted, and haue repayred and resorted into an other lordshyp marcher, and there by the ayd comfort and fauour of the sayde lorde of the same lordshyp or his officer or officers, haue benne abydynge and resiaunte, into the whiche lordeshyppes the same lordes marchers haue and do pretende a custome and p̄ uilege, that none of the kynges ministers or subiectes maye entre, to pursue apprehende and attache any suche offendour, therbnto repayred, as is aforesayde, by reason whereof the same offendours went vnpunished, to the animation and encouraginge of other euyll disposed people. It is therfore enacted by the auctorite aboue sayde, that euery officer and officers, and theyr deputyes, vpon cõmandment giuen by the commissioners or counsayle of the marches for the tyme beinge, shall bringe sende or delyuer euery such offẽdour to the officer of the lordshyp marcher, or other place, where any such offence is or shalbe committed or done, vpon the meres and bondes of the sayde lordeshyppes, or to the sayde commissyoners or counsaile, accordynge as to the sayde officers by them shall be cõmaunded vnder peyne of. xl. poundes, the same commandement or commission to be directed to any suche officer to be sende conuayed & deliuered by a sergeaunt at armes, or a pursuaunt, attendaunt on the sayd counsel in the marches, for the tyme beinge.

¶ An acte for amendynge of hygh wayes in Sussex. ca. viii.

Where it is ordeyned and enacted by auctorite of this present parliment heretofore holden at London, the. xv. day of Aprill, in the. xiiii. yere of the kynges moost noble reygne, and from thens adiourned to westmistes the last day of July, the xv. yere of his reigne, and there holden: In consideratiõ that many commen wais in the weld of Kent be so depe and noious by wearing and cours of water & other occasions, that people can not haue their passages & cariages by horses vpon or by the same, but to their gret peines perils & ieopardie, that if any person or persons from that tyme in any place within the saide welde of the said countie, of his good mynde and disposition without any value of good by him or by them to be rec'ued for the same, wyll for the commen wele of the kingis people assigne and lay out a more commodious way in & ouer

ouer the londes therunto adioyning, wherof the person or persons, or other to his vse shall be seased of fee in estate of inheritaunce, that the same newe way so to be assygned and layed out, by ouersyghte and assent of two Justices of the peace of the said counte, and.xii.other discrete mē within the same hundreth inhabitting, where any such newe way shalbe limited & layed out, or inhabitting within the same hundred & other hundredes to the sayd hundreth next adioyning, shalbe from thensforth holden occupied & vsed in like maner as the said old way there nowe is or before hath ben. And that also the same person or persons so disposed, wyllynge and accomplyshing, shal & may for the sayde new way so assigned and vsed, receyue and hold in wey in recompense for the same new way so to be gyuen, the sole and ground of the olde way in seueraltie, to them theyr heires and assignes, to theyr owne vse and profyte for euer, without any comen way or passage there from thensforth to be had or claymed, any p̄scriptiō or vse to the contrary not withstōding, in like maner & forme as is limited by the said act of a certein new way granted by the same act to be made by George Guilford squier at Hempsted in the said welde of Kente. And that the sayd two Justices of peace, and.xii. other discrete men, by whose ouer syght & assent the said newe way by vertu of the said acte, shalbe assigned limitted and laid out, shal within.iii.monethes next after thassignemēt limitation & leyeng out of the same, make certificat into the kynges most honorable court of chancery vnder theyr seales of the length and brede of the said new way or strete, & of other thynges adioyninge or concerning the same, as by theyr discretiōs shalbe thought most expediente or requisite for the comen welth of that coūtre to be certified, and that certificat to be made from tyme to tyme, as ofte as any such newe waye or strete shalbe assigned lymitted and layde out in fourme aboue writen.

¶ Prouided alway, that if any person or persons, or body politike, haue or oughte to haue, or hereafter shall haue any churche way, or other what soo euer way or passage, ouer or through any maner landes adioyninge to any of the said olde ways or stretes, which shalbe taken & vsed by force of that act as seuerall soile & freehold in recōpence for any new way to be made & layde out in forme aforsaid, or haue or ought to haue, or hereafter shal haue any lōdes or teñtes adioining to ꝑ old way, ꝑ they & euery of thē, their heires & successours may haue and vse theyr saide way or wates out of & in the said new way ouer and through the land of the said old wey or strete, into or ouer the said lāndes or tenementes adioyning to the same, and so to passe and repasse, as shal appertayne ouer the same olde way, at suche conuenient place or places therof, as therfore shalbe lymited and assigned by the said.ii. Justices of peace & other.xii. men, & by them to be certified in the chancery, amonge other thinges by them to be certified in forme aforsaid, any thyng in the sayd act aboue writen not withstonding, as by the same act manifestly appereth.

¶ And for as moche as in manye places within the countie of Sussex lyke act for the alteration of comen wayes & stretes there being moch annoyous is moche necessarie and expedient for the common welthe and comodite of

the kynges subiectes of the sayde countye of Sussex to be had & made. In consideration wherof be it ordeyned & enacted by the kynge our souerayne lorde, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, & the comons in this presente parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that the sayde acte aboue rehersed & recited, shall and maye from hensforth extende take effect & be put in execucion in euery place conuenient or necessarye within the said countie of Sussex, where wayes and stretes be noyous to the kynges sayde subiectes of the same countie of Sussex in like forme & maner, & in al pointes and conditions, and with lyke prouiso to be had don & executed, as it is conteined & expressed in the aboue recited act concerning the chaunge of the wayes and stretes in the sayd countie of Kent, any prescription vse custome or other thynge to the contrarie beinge in anye wyse not withstondynge.

¶ An acte for the reedyfienge of voyde groundes in the citie of Norwiche. Cap. viii.

WHere by infortunate chaunce of fyre a greate nombre of houses of habitation within the citie of Norwiche, about .xxvi. yeres paste, were burned and vtterly consumed, to the great heynes discomforte, losse and hynderaunce of the inhabitauntes of the same citie. By reason of whiche bournynge dyuers and many voide groundes, wherupon before the same fire, good and substancial houses of habitation were stondynge, remaynynge nowe at this day vnreedified, and not onely vnreedified, but also to lye as desolat & vacant groũdes, many of them nygh adioynyng to the hygh stretis, replenished with moche vnclennes & fylthe, to the great annusance of the said inhabitantes, & other the kynges subiectis passinge by the same: & to thentent that a reformation may be had in that behalfe, be it enacted by the kynge our souerayne lorde, & the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the comons in this present parliament assẽbled, & by the auctoritie of the same, that if the owner or owners of suche vacant ground or groũdes, so lyeng within the precinct of the said cite, within two yeres next after proclamation made by the cõmandmẽt of the mayre of the said cite for the tyme beinge, within and vppon suche vacante grounde or groundes, of the tenour and effecte of this presente acte, do not sufficiently reedifie, or els with walles of morter and stone sufficientely inclose the same vacant ground or groundes, wherupon suche proclamation shalbe made, that then it shal be leful to the Mayre Shiriffes citesens and cominalte of the same cite and theyr successours for the tyme beyng, immediately after the same two yeres expired, to entre in to euery suche grounde and groundes so vacant as is aforesayd, wherupon suche proclamation, as is before remembred, shalbe so made, and the same grounde and groundes to holde and retayne withoute interruption to theym and theyr successours for euer, clerely discharged of all rentes, as well ageynst the lordes of fees therof as of all other, so that alwayes the same mayre shiriffes citesens and

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cõminaltie, or their successours, do well and sufficiently reedifie, or els with walles of morter and stone, as is afore sayd, sufficiently do inclose the same grounde and grounds, wherin they shall so entre, within two yeres nexte after suche entre by them so to be mãde, as is aforesayde. And in case the same mayre shiresse citezens and cõminaltie, or their successours, doo not sufficiently reedifie or inclose, or cause to be reedyfied or inclosed the same grounde and grounds, in fourme aforesayde within the same terme of two yeres next after they shall soo entre into the same, that then it shall be lefull to the sayd firste owner and owners of all such ground and grounds, their heires or successours immediatly after the same thre yeres so expired, to reentre into the same grounde and grounds, and the same to reteyn and entoye ayen to them, their heires and successours, as in theyr former estate & interesse: any thynge in this acte conteyned to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstandynge.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that if the owners of suche vacant ground or grounds, specified in this acte, do not repayre and amend the same, accordynge to the tenoure of this acte, within two yeres lymitted by this acte: that then it shall be lefull to the chief lordes, of whom suche vacant groundes ben or shalbe holden, to entre and to haue the same groundes to them theyr heires & successours for euer, so that euery suche chefe lorde do repayre & amende the said vacant groũdes according to the tenour and effect of this act within one yere next after that suche chiefe lorde maye entre by auctoritie of this acte. And if suche chiefe lorde, as maye entre by this act, do not repayre and amende the same vacant groundes within one yere next after they may entre by this acte: that then for euery suche defaute the mayre shiresses citezẽs and cominaltie shall laufully entre into the sayde groundes, accordynge to the tenour forme effect and condicion aboue expressed in this acte: any thing in this acte to the contrary therof not withstondynge.

¶ An acte for reedifienge of voyde groundes within the towne of Lynne. Cap. ix.

HUmbly besecheth your good & gracious highnes your obedient subiectes, the maire & burgeses of the towne of Lyn bysshop, in your cõtie of Norfolke, that where at this present time diuers & many mesuages & tenemẽtes of olde time buil ded within the saide towne are & by a long tyme haue ben in great decay & desolation, wher by the flud and rage of the see comynge to the sayd towne, and insurginge vppon suche decayed tenementes in tymes of tempeste doth freat and meruailously weare in dyuers places of the sayde towne, to the greatte hurt and damage as well of the sayde towne as of dyuers persons haupnge groundes adioynynge to suche places so in decaye, and that the owners of suche decayed groundes wyll not reedifie and mayntayne the sayde mesuages and tenementes so decayed for the

the mayntenance and defence of the water and rage of the see, wherby the sayd towne is lyke to fal in moze decay rupne and desolation, if remedy ther foze be not pzouided. In consideration wherof it maye please youre highnes that it maye be enacted by youre mateste, by the assentes of the lozdes spirytual and tempozal, & the comons in this present parliament assembled, & by the auctozitie of the same, that if the owner oz owners of suche mesuages and tenementes so decayed set lyenge oz beinge within the precynete of the said towne, within one yere nexte after proclamacion made by the cõmandment of the maire of the sayd towne foz the tyme being, within & vpon such decayed mesuages oz tenementes, do not sufficiently reedifie, oz elles with walles of mozter and stone sufficiently enclose the same mesuages and tenementes & groundes to them belonging, so being in decay, foz defence of the rage of the water: that then it shalbe lefull to the cheke lozdes, of whom suche mesuages oz tenementes so decaied shalbe holden, to enter into the said mesuages & tenemẽtes so decaied, & the same holde haue & reteine to theym & their heires foz euer: so that euery such lozd, which shal entre into any mesuages oz tenementes so decaied, by auctozitie of this acte, doo sufficientely reedifie, oz els with walles of mozter and stone sufficiently inclose the sayde mesuages & tenementes so decaied in fozme as is aboue sayde, within one yere nexte after that suche cheke lozd may entre into the same by auctozitie of this acte. And if suche chiefe lozde, whiche may entre by auctozite of this act into the said mesuages oz tenementes decaied, do not reedifie the said mesuages & tenementes decaied, oz els with walles of mozter and stone sufficiẽtly inclose the same, in fozme as is afozesaide, within one yere next after suche chiefe lozde mought entre into the same by auctozitie of this acte: that thẽ it shalbe laufull to the maitre and comminaltie of the said towne foz euery such defaut to entre into any such mesuages oz tenementes so decaied, & ꝑ same to haue & retein to them & their successours foz euer, without interruption to them & their successours foz euer, clerely discharged of all rentes, as wel ageinst the lozdes of fees therof as of al other. So that alwais ꝑ same maire & cõminaltie, oz their successours do wel & sufficiently reedifie, oz els with walles of mozter & stone, as is afozsaid, sufficiently do inclose the same mesuages & tenemẽtes oz groũdes apteining to ꝑ same, wherin they shal so entre by auctozitie of this act within two peres next after such ẽtre by thẽ so to be made, as is afozesaid, and in case the same maire & cõminalte, oz their successours, do not sufficiẽtly reedifie oz inclose, oz cause to be reedified oz inclosed the same mesuages & tenemẽtes oz groũdes to ꝑ same belõgig, i fozm afozesaid, within the same terme of two peres next after they shal soo entre into the same: That thẽ it shalbe lefull to the said first owner & owners of all suche mesuages tenementes & groũdes, their heires oz successours, immediatly after the same two peres so expired, to enter into ꝑ same mesuages tenemẽtes & groũdes, and the same to reteyne and enioy ageyne to them, theyr heires and successours, as in theyr fozmer estate and intereste: Any thynge in this acte conteined to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstondyng.

¶ An acte wherby the kynges hyghnes hath auctorytie to repelle the statute made for restreynte of wynes to come in afore Candelmas. ca.x.

WHere in the session of this present parlyament holden at Westmynster in the.xv.day of January, in the.xxiii. yere of the kynges most noble reygne, it was enacted by auctorytie of the same Parliament, that no maner of person or persones shulde discharge and laye on londe out of any shyppe or shyppes, or other vessell or vessels, any wynes of Gascoyne or Guion, or any maner of frenche wynes, at any hauen porte creke or other place within this realme of Englande, Irelande, wales, or the marches of the same, at any tyme from thens forth betwene the feastes of saynte Mychel therchangel, & the Purification of our Lady, vpon peyne of forfayture of the same wynes so broughte and discharged and laied on lande at any tyme therafter betwene the said festes contrary to the sayde acte: The one halfe of whiche forfayture to be to the kynge our souerayne lorde, and the other halfe therof to suche of the kinges subiectes, as shall sease or sue for the same, by action of detinue or dette after the rate of the valu therof, by original writ byl plaint or information in any of the kynges courtes: in whiche actions and suites the defendaunte shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor any protection or essoyne shall be allowed, as amonge other thynges in the sayde acte specified euidently appereth. For as moche as suche leeges and amyties as benne concluded and had betwene the kynges maiestie and other forayne kynges and Prynces, for the weale and tranquillyte of theyr realmes countres and people, moughte parcase be impeched interrupted or derogated, contrarye to the pactes and agreementes therin conteyned, as well by occasions of the sayd article conteyned in the sayd act, as by occasion of sondery other lyke actes hereto fore made, or hereafter to be made, wherby the commoditie and marchandyse of this realme, and of other the kynges dominions bene restreyned to be conueyed into any outwarde partyes, forayne realmes, or countreys of other prynces beinge in leege and amitie with the kynges hyghenes, or the commodities and marchaundises of suche outewarde partyes, forayn realmes, and contreys be restreyned to be broughte and conueied into this realme, ozelles where within the kynges Domynyons to be bttered solde and vsed as frely as of olde tyme hath ben accustomed. Be hit therfore enacted by auctorytie of this present parlyamente, that the kynge oure souerayne lorde shall, duringe his lyfe naturall, haue full power and auctorite by his proclamations, to be conteyned in letters patentes vnder his greate seale, and enrolled in his courte of Chauncerye, from tyme to tyme to repelle and make voyde as well the sayde article conteyned and specifyed in the sayde acte made for to restrayne of the bryngynge in of wynes afore the feaste of the purification of oure ladye, as all other suche actes and statutes

the mayntenance and defence of the water and rage of the see, wherby the sayd towne is lyke to fal in more decay ruyne and desolation, if remedy therfore be not prouided. In consideration wherof it maye please your highnes that it maye be enacted by your maiestie, by the assentes of the lordes spirytual and temporal, & the comons in this present parliament assembled, & by the auctoritie of the same, that if the owner or owners of suche mesuages and tenementes so decayed set lyenge or beinge within the precynete of the said towne, within one yere nexte after proclamacion made by the cõmandment of the maire of the sayd towne for the tyme being, within & vpon such decayed mesuages or tenementes, do not sufficiently reedifie, or elles with walles of morter and stone sufficiently enclose the same mesuages and tenementes & groundes to them belonging, so being in decay, for defence of the rage of the water: that then it shalbe lefull to the cheefe lordes, of whom suche mesuages or tenementes so decaied shalbe holden, to enter into the said mesuages & tenemẽtes so decaied, & the same holde haue & reteine to theym & their heires for euer: so that euery such lord, which shal entre into any mesuages or tenementes so decaied, by auctoritie of this acte, doo sufficientely reedifie, or els with walles of morter and stone sufficiently inclose the sayde mesuages & tenementes so decaied in forme as is aboue sayde, within one yere nexte after that suche cheefe lord may entre into the same by auctoritie of this acte. And if suche chief lorde, whiche may entre by auctorite of this act into the said mesuages or tenementes decaied, do not reedifie the said mesuages & tenementes decaied, or els with walles of morter and stone sufficiẽtly inclose the same, in forme as is aforesaide, within one yere nexte after suche chiefe lorde mought entre into the same by auctoritie of this acte: that thẽ it shalbe laufull to the maire and comminaltie of the said towne for euery such defaut to entre into any such mesuages or tenementes so decaied, & ꝑ same to haue & retein to them & their successours for euer, without interruption to them & their successours for euer, clerely discharged of all rentes, as wel ageinst the lordes of fees therof as of al other. So that alwais ꝑ same maire & cõminaltie, or their successours do wel & sufficiently reedifie, or els with walles of morter & stone, as is aforsaid, sufficiently do inclose the same mesuages & tenemẽtes or groũdes apteining to ꝑ same, wherin they shal so entre by auctoritie of this act within two peres nexte after such ẽtre by thẽ so to be made, as is aforesaid, and in case the same maire & cõminalte, or their successours, do not sufficiẽtly reedifie or inclose, or cause to be reedified or inclosed the same mesuages & tenemẽtes or groũdes to ꝑ same belõgig, i form aforesaid, within the same terme of two peres nexte after they shal soo entre into the same: That thẽ it shalbe lefull to the said first owner & owners of all suche mesuages tenementes & groũdes, their heires or successours, immediatly after the same two peres so expired, to enter into ꝑ same mesuages tenemẽtes & groũdes, and the same to reteyne and enioy ageyne to them, theyr heires and successours, as in theyr former estate and intereste: Any thynge in this acte conteined to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstondyng.

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¶ In acte whereby the kynges hyghnes hath auctoritie to repelle the statute made for restreynte of wynes to come in afore Candelmas. ca. x.

Where in the session of this present parlyament holden at Westmynster in the .xv. day of January, in the .xxiii. yere of the kynges most noble reygne, it was enacted by auctoritie of the same Parliament, that no maner of person or persones shulde discharge and laye on londe out of any shyppe or shyppes, or other vessell or vessels, any wynes of Gascoyne or Guion, or any maner of frenche wynes, at any hauen porte creke or other place within this realme of Englande, Irelande, wales, or the marches of the same, at any tyme from thens forth betwene the feastes of saynte Mychel therchangel, & the Purification of our Lady, vpon peyne of forfayture of the same wynes so broughte and discharged and laied on lande at any tyme therafter betwene the said festes contrary to the sayde acte: The one halfe of whiche forfayture to be to the kynge our souerayne lorde, and the other halfe therof to suche of the kinges subiectes, as shall sease or sue for the same, by action of detinue or dette after the rate of the valu therof, by original writ byl plaint or informacion in any of the kynges courtes: in whiche actions and suites the defendaunte shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor any protection or essoyne shall be allowed, as amonge other thynges in the sayde acte specified euidently appereth. For as moche as suche leeges and amyties as benne concluded and had betwene the kynges maiestie and other forayne kynges and Pryn-ces, for the weale and tranquillyte of theyr realmes countres and people, moughte parcase be impeched interrupted or derogated, contrarye to the pactes and agrementes therin conteyned, as well by occasions of the sayd article conteyned in the sayd act, as by occasion of sondery other lyke actes hereto fore made, or hereafter to be made, whereby the commoditie and marchandyse of this realme, and of other the kynges dominions bene restreyned to be conueyed into any outwarde partyes, forayne realmes, or countreys of other prynces beinge in leege and amitie with the kynges hyghenes, or the commodities and marchaundises of suche outewarde partyes, forayn realmes, and contreys be restreyned to be broughte and conueied in to this realme, or elles where within the kynges dompynyons to be vttered solde and vsed as frely as of olde tyme hath ben accustomed. Be hit therfore enacted by auctoritie of this present parlyamente, that the kynge oure souerayne lorde shall, duringe his lyfe naturall, haue full power and auctorite by his proclamations, to be conteyned in letters patentes vnder his greate seale, and enrolled in his courte of Chauncerye, from tyme to tyme to repelle and make voyde as well the sayde article conteyned and specyfyed in the sayde acte made for to restrayne of the bryngynge in of wynes afore the feaste of the purification of oure ladye, as all other suche actes and sta-

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tutes in parte or in the holle, which hath ben made sythe the begynnyng of this present parlyament for the restreint or lette of any commodites of this realme, or of other the kynges dominions to be conueyed and vttered to & in any outwarde partyes, Realmes, or countrees, or for restreynte and lette of any commodyties or marchaundise of outewarde partyes Realmes or countrees to be conueyed broughte and vttered to or in this realme, or els where within the kynges dompnions: And by lyke proclamations frome tyme to tyme shall haue power and auctorite to reuoue and make effectual the sayde statutes and actes ayen in theyr force strength and effecte in al or suche parte therof, as to his maieste shalbe thoughte moste conueuenient and profytable for his realme. And that euery suche repeale abrogation & makinge voyde of any suche statutes or actes, in parte or in the holle: And euery suche reuiuinge or makynge effectuall of them ayen in parte or in the holle by proclamations vnder the gret seale, to be made and enrolled in the kynges chancery, as is aforesayde, shalbe of the same qualite force strength condicion and effect to al intentes and purposes, as if it had ben done with due circumstaunces by auctorite of parlyamente, any thing or thinges con teyned in any suche actis, or any vsage or custome of this realme to the con trary hereof not withstondynge.

An acte for punishemente of welshemen attemptyng any assautes or affrayes vpon any thinhabitantes of Heref. Glouc. and Shropshyre. cap. xi.

FOr as moche as in tymes paste dyuerse and sondrye the kynge our souereygne lordes subiectes, inhabyted as well in wales as in the marches of the same, haue heretofore vsed at sondry tymes, when laufull proceste hath ben attempted agaynste theym, or ageynste theyr kynsemen, or frendes, for sondrye robberyes murders or felonyes by them commytted, or for any sutes or pro cesse of the lawe pursued or sued ageynste any personne or personnes inha bityng or dwellynge within Wales, or the marches of the same, within the counties of Gloucester, Salop, and Herefordе, haue layen in awayte, and sodenly of prepensed malyce, haue not onelye mette with the pursuers of the sayde suytes in the sayde counties, and in places nere adioyninge to the same, but also haue beaten, mayhymed, greuously wounded, and somtymes murdered diuers of the same pursuers, for the onely attempting and pursuinge of suche felons, whereby hath insued no lyttell violation and disturbaunce of the kynges peace, to the great disquyetynge of all the sayd partyes, & to the ryght perillous example of all others like offenders. Be it therfore ordeined established, & enacted by the kinges said hyghnes, his lor des spirituall & temporal, & the comons in this present parlyament assebled, and by the auctorite of the same, that if any maner person or persons inha-

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bpted oz dwellynge in wales, oz in the marches of the same, atte any tyme hereafter vpon any prepensed malyce, shall presume to assaute beate hurte wounde oz mathim any other the kynges subiectes of the sayde countyes, that then he oz they so attemptinge, what so euer they be, beinge indycted and conuicted therof, shall suffre imprisonment without redemtion foz the space of one hole yere, in such prison oz prisons as vnto the Justices, befoze whom he oz they shall be conuicted, shalbe thought conuenient, with suche further peyne and punishement, as he oz they shulde haue had, if this acte had neuer ben had oz made. This acte to endure vnto the laste daye of the nexte parliamente.

¶ In acte foz purgation of conuictes in wales. ca. xii.

Where at the parliament sommoned and holden at London, the thyrde daye of Nouembze, in the .xxi. yere of the reygne of our soueraygne lozde kynge Henry the. viii. and from thens adiozned vnto westminster in the countie of Middelser, and after diuers prozogations, there also holde the. xv. day of January, the. xxiii. yere of the reygne of oure sayde soueraygne lozde kyng Henry the viii. It was enacted amonge other, that no persone noz persones, whiche from thensfozth shulde happen to be founde gylty after the lawes of this lande foz any maner of petie treasone, oz foz any wylfull murder of malice prepensed, oz foz robbyng of any churches, chapelles, oz other holy places, oz foz robbyng of any person oz persons in theyz dwellyng howses, oz dwellinge place, the owner oz dweller in the same howse, his wyfe, his childzen, oz seruantes then beyng within and put in feare and dreade by the same, oz foz robbynge of any person oz persons, in oz nere about the highe wayes, oz foz wylfull burnynge of any dwellynge howses oz barnes, wherein any grayne of coznes shulde happen to be: noz any persone oz persones beynge founde gyltie of any abettement, procuremente, helpynge, mayntaynynge oz counsaylynge of oz to any suche petye treasons murders oz felonyes, shuld from thensfozth be admitted to the benefite of his oz theyz clergie, but vtterly be excluded therof, and suffre death in suche maner and fourme, as they shuld haue done foz any the causes oz offences aboue sayde, if they were no clerkes, suche as be within holy ozders, that is to saye, of the ozders of subdeacon oz aboue, onely excepte. And also it was then and there by auctozitie afozesayde, further enacted, that euery suche persone and personnes within suche ozders of subdeacon oz aboue, whiche at any tyme from thens fozthe shulde be founde gyltie of any petie treason, oz of any murder of malice prepensed, oz of any of the felonies aboue reherse d, oz of any accessarie to petie treason, wylfull murder, oz to any other the felonies aboue especified, and admitted to his oz theyz clergye, and delyuered to the ozdinarye foz the same, shulde not in any wise from thensfozthe be suffred to any purgation, noz be set at libertie, but remayne and abyde in perpetual prison, vn-

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der the keping of the ordinarie, to whom he shuld be cõmytted & his succes-
sours, without any maner of purgation, duringe the naturall lyfe of euery
such conuict: except only such person or psons so being within such holy or-
ders, & cõuict of or for any of the offẽces aforesaid, & deliuered to ỹ ordinary
for the same, do find two sufficient suerties by recognisãce before two of the
kynges Justices of his peace within the same shyre, where the pety treason
murder or felony, wherof he was conuicted, was cõmitted and done, wher-
of one of them to be of the Quorum, that suche conuicte shalbe of good abe-
rynge agaynst the kynge our souerayne lord, his lawes and subiectes, eue-
ry suche conuicte to be bounde in the somme of .xl. li. and euerye his sure-
ties in. xx. li. and that no surette be taken, oneles suche as maye dispende
in landes tenementes or hereditamentes yerely aboue all charges of estate
of inheritaũce of charter hold. xxvi. s. viii. d. or els be worth twenty poũd in
mouable substaunce, atte the tyme of the takynge of suche recognysaunce.
And that two Justices of peace, wherof one to be of the Quorũ, by aucto-
ritie aforesayd, haue power and auctoritie to take suche recognisaunce. And
that the sayde Justices, afore whom any suche recognisance shall be taken,
shall certifie the same into the kynges benche within foure monethes nexte
after the takynge therof, vppon peyne to lose and forfayte. C. s. for euerye
defaute therof. And for as moche as there be no Justices of peace ne of the
Quorum within Wales, nor in dyuers other places, cities, honours, lorde-
shyps, and manours within the kynges dominion, where as a lorde mar-
cher stewarde lieutenante deputye or other officer of any suche place cytye
honour lordshyp or manour haue auctoritie or power, by custome or other
wise to arreyne afore him or them any suche person or persons beinge with-
in suche holy orders of subdeacon or aboue, for committinge or doinge any
of the sayde pety treasons, murders, felonies, or any other of the sayde of-
fences. And if hit happen the same persone so beinge therof arrayned to be
founde gyltye, for to admytte hym to his clergye, if he praye the same be-
fore iudgement, and further to doo and execute agaynste any suche offen-
dour, beinge so arrayned before theym, in lyke maner and fourme as Ju-
stices of the gaole delyuerie within the shire ground haue vsed to do by ver-
tue of the kynges commission vnto them directed: By reason wherof eue-
ry suche person or persons, within suche orders of subdeacon or aboue, be-
inge conuicte of any of the sayde petye treasons, murders, felonye, or
any other the sayde offences, before any lorde marcher Stewarde lyeute-
naunte deputie or other officer within wales, or within any other place cytie
honor lordshyppe or manour within the kynges dominion, where no Ju-
stices of peace be, and therevpon commytted vnto thordinarye as clerke
conuicte, shall there remayne duringe the naturall lyfe of any suche con-
uicte: The said former acte and statute not withstandinge. For that there
be no Justices of the peace ne of the Quorum, there as the sayde pety trea-
son murder or felonie, wherof he his so conuicted, was committed and don,
to take suretie by recognisance for the good aberynge of euery such cõuicte,

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in maner and fourme as in the sayde former acte is rehersed. Be it therfore enacted by the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and the lordes spirituall & temporall, and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, & by auctoritie of the same, that euery suche personne and persones within suche orders of subdeacon or aboue, beynge conuicte of any petye treasonne, or of any murder of malyce prepensed, or of any of the sayde felonyes aboue rehersed, or of any accessarie to petty treason, wylfull murder, or to any other the sayde felonyes aboue especified before any lorde marcher, Stuarde, lyeuetenant, deputie, or other Justice or officer within wales, or within any other place citye towne honor lordshyppe or manet within the kynges dominion, where no Justices of the peace & of the Quorum be, and therupon the same conuicte admytted vnto his clergye, that the same persone or persons so beinge within such holy orders, & conuicte before any such lord marcher stuarde lyeuetenaunte deputye or other iustice or officer in Wales, or within any suche place citie towne honour lordshyppe or manet within any the kynges dominion, where be no iustices of the peace & of the Quorum, of or for any of the offences afore sayde, and delyuered vnto the ordynarye as clerke conuicte for the same, shal or maye fynde two suerties by recognisaunce for his good abering before two of the kinges Justices of the peace, whereof the one to be of the Quorum, in the shyre where the same conuicte is or shalbe kepte in the ordinaries prison, if the same prisone be within the shire grounde, where iustices of the peace & of the Quorum be, orels before two of the kynges iustices of the peace, wherof the one to be of the Quor in the nert shyre adioyning vnto the same prison: And that the same two iustices of the peace, where of the one to be of the Quorum, to haue power and auctoritie to take suche recognisaunce, and to certyfie the same in lyke maner and forme, and vpon lyke peyne as it shulde or oughte to haue ben done by vertue of the sayde former acte, if the same petie treason murder felonye or other offence, of or for whiche any suche conuicte was or shall be soo conuicte and admytted vnto his clergie, as is afore sayde, had ben commytted and done within the shyere grounde, where iustices of the peace and of the Quorum be.

An acte wherby dyuers offences be made highe treason, and takynge away al sayntuaries for al maner of highe treasons. cap. xiii.

FOR AS MOCHE as it is mooste necessarye bothe for comune politie and duety of subiectes aboue al thinges to prohybite prouyde restreyn and extinct all maner of shamefull sclaunders perils or imminente daunger or daungers, whiche myghte growe happen or ryse to theyr soueraygne lorde the kynge, the quene, or theyr heyres, whiche whan they be harde sene or vnderstande,

can not be but odible and also abhorred of al those sortes that be trewe and louynge subiectes, if in any poynte they may do or shall touch the kynge, his quene, theyr heyres or successours, vpon whiche dependethe the hole vnitie and vnyuersal weale of this realme, without prouydinge wherfore to greate a scope of vntreasonable lyberte shoulde be gyuen to all cankard and trayterous hartes, wyllers and workers of the same. And also the kynges louinge subiectes shulde not declare vnto theyr soueraygne lorde nowe beinge, whiche vnto them hathe ben and is moste entierly both beloued and estemed, theyr vndouted spnceritie and trouthe. Be it therfore enacted by the assente and consente of our soueraygne lorde the kynge, and the lordes spiritualle and temporalle, and commons in this presente parliamente assembled, and by the auctoryte of the same, that if any persone or persones after the fyrste daye of Februarp nexte cominge, doo maliciously wisshe wyll or desyre by wordes or writinge, or by crafte imagen, inuente, practise, or attempt any bodely harme to be done or cõmitted to the kynges moste royall person, the quene, or theyr heyres apparant, or to deprine them or any of them, of the dignitie tytle or name of theyr royall estates, or sclanderously and malycyously publysshe and pronounce by expresse wrytynge or wordes, that the kynge our soueraygne lorde shulde be heretike, scysmatyke, tyraunt, infidell, or vsurper of the crowne, or rebellyously do deteyne kepe or withholde frome our sayde soueraygne lorde, his heyres or successours, any of his or theyr castels, forteresses, fortyleses, or holdes within this realme, or in any other the kynges domynions, or marches, or rebelliously deteyne kepe or withholde from the kynges said highnes, his heyres or successours any of his or theyr shyppes, ordinaunces, artyllary, or other munitions or fortifications of warre, and do not humbly render & giue vp to our sayd souerayne lorde, his heires or successours, or to suche persõs as shall be deputed by them, such castels, forteresses, fortileses, holdes, shyps, ordinaunces, artyllary, and other munitions, and fortifications of warre, rebellously kepte or detrined, within. vi. dayes, nexte after they shalbe commaunded by our sayde souerayne lorde, his heyres or successours, by open proclamation vnder the greate seale: That then euery suche persone and persons so offendinge in any the premisses, after the sayde fyrste daye of February, theyr aydours, counsailours, consentours, and abbettours, being therof laufully conuicte, accordinge to the lawes and customnes of this realme, shalbe adiudged traytours, and that euery suche offence in any the prempsses, that shall be committed or done after the sayde fyrste daye of February, shall be reputed accepted and adiudged hyghe treason: And the offendours therin, and theyr aidours consenters counsailours & abbettours beinge laufully conuicte of any suche offence, as is aforesayde, shall haue and suffre suche peynes of deathe, and other penalites, as is ympytted and accustomed in cases of highe treason.

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¶ an occasion to ylle disposed persones to aduenture and imbrace their malicious intentes and enterprises, whiche all trewe subiectes oughte to study to eschewe. Be hit therfore enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd, that none offendour in any kindes of high treasons, what soo euer they be, they? aiders consenters coũsaylours nor abbettours shall be admytted to haue the benefite or priuilege of any maner of seyntuarie, considerynge that matters of treasons toucheth so nyghe bothe the suretie of the kynge our soueraygne lordes person, and his heires and successours.

¶ And ouer that be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that if any of the kinges subiectes denisens or other, do commytte or practise out of the lymytes of this realme in any outwarde parties, any suche offences, which by this acte are made, or hertofore haue be made treasonne, that thenne suche treasons what soo euer they be, or where so euer they shall happen so to be done or committed, shall be inquired, and presented by the othes of twelue good and laufull men, vppon good and probable euidence and wytnes in suche shyre and countye of this realme, and before suche persones, as hit shall please the kynges highnesse to appoynte by commyssion vnder his greate seale, in lyke maner and fourme as treasons commytted within this realme, haue benne vsed to be inquyred of and presented, and that vppon euery indytemente and presentmente founden and made of any suche treasonnes, and certyfied in to the kynges benche, lyke proces and other circumstaunce shall be there hadde and made ageynste the offenders, as yf the same treasons so presented hadde be laufully founde to be done and commytted within the lymyttes of this realme. And that all proces of outlarye hereafter to be made and hadde within this realme, agaynste any offendours in treason, beinge restaunte or inhabited oute of the lymittes of this realme, or in any of the partyes of beyonde the see, at the tyme of the outlawry pronounced agaynste theym, shall be as good and as effectualle in the lawe to all intentes and pourposes, as if suche offenders hadde be resydent and dwellinge within this realme, at the tyme of suche proces awarded and outelarye pronounced.

¶ And be hit further enacted by auctoritie afore sayde, that euery offender and offenders beinge hereafter laufully conuicte of any maner of highe tresons by presentment confession verdycte or proces of outlarye, accordynge to the due cours and custome of the common lawes of this realme, shal lose and forfayte to the kynges highnesse his heyres and successours, all suche londes tenementes and hereditamentes, which any suche offender or offenders shall haue of any estate of inheritance in vse or possession, by any right title or menes within this realme of Englande, or els where within any the kynges dompnions, atte the tyme of any suche treason commytted, or any tyme after. Sauinge to euery personne and persones, they? heyres and successours, other thenne the offenders in any treasons, they? heyres and successours, & suche person and persons, as claime to any they? vses, al such rightes titles interestis possessions leases rētes offices & other pfitis, whiche

they ſhal haue at the day of cõmitting ſuche treaſons, or at any tyme afore, in as large and ample maner, as if this acte had neuer ben had nor made.

¶ An acte for nomynation and conſecration of Suffragans within this realme. Cap. xiiii.

ALbeit that ſythen the begynnyng of this preſent parlyamente, good and honorable ordenaunces and ſtatutes haue ben made and eſtablyſhed for elections preſentations conſecrations and inueſtyng of archebyſhops & byſhops of this realme, and in all other the kynges dominions, with all ceremonies apperteynynge vnto the ſame, as by ſũdry ſtatutes therof made more at large is ſpecified: yet neuer the les no prouiſion hiderto hath ben made for ſuffragans, whiche haue ben accuſtomed to be had within this realme for the more ſpedy adminiſtration of the ſacramentes & other good holſome & deuout thinges, & laudable ceremonies, to the encreace of goddis honor, & for the cõmoditie of good & deuout people. Be it therfore enacted by auctoritie of this preſent parliamẽt, that the townes of Thetford, Ippeſwiche, Colcheſter, Douer, Gylford, Southampton, Taunton, Shaftesbury, Molton, Marleburghe, Bedford, Leiceſter, Gloceſter, Shrewesbury, Bryſtowe, Penrethe, Brydge water, Nottyngham, Grauntham, Hulle, Huntyngdon, Cambrydge, and the townes of Pereth and Berwike, fayncte Germaines in Cornewal, and the Iſle of wight, ſhalbe taken and accepted for ſees of byſhops ſuffragans to be made in this realme and in wales, & the byſhops of ſuche ſees ſhall be called ſuffragans of this realme. And that euery archebyſhop and byſhop of this realme and of wales, and elles where within the kinges dominions, beinge diſpoſed to haue any ſuffragane, ſhall and maye at theyr lybertyes name & electe, that is to ſay, euery of them for theyr peculier diocile, two honeſt and diſcrete ſpiritual perſons, being lerned and of good conuerſation, & thoſe two perſons ſo by them to be named, ſhal preſẽt to the kinges highnes by their writing vnder theyr ſeales, makinge humble requeſt to his maieſtie, to giue to one ſuche of the ſaid two perſons, as ſhall pleaſe his maieſtie, ſuche title name ſtyle and dygnitie of byſhop of ſuche of the ſees aboue eſpecified, as the kiges hyghnes ſhal think moſt cõuenient for ỳ ſame. And that the kinges maieſtie vpon euery ſuch p̃ſentacion, ſhal haue ful power & auctoritie to giue to one of thoſe two perſons, ſoo to his hyghnes to be preſented, the ſtile tytle and name of a buſhop of ſuche of the ſees aforſaide, as to his maieſtie ſhalbe thought moſt cõuenięt & expedient, ſo it be within the ſame prouince, wherof the byſhop ỳ dothe name him is. And ỳ euery ſuche perſon, to whom the kynges highnes ſhall gyue any ſuch ſtyle & title, of any of the ſees afore named, ſhall be called byſhoppe ſuffragane of the ſame ſee: whervnto he ſhalbe named. And after ſuch title ſtile and name ſo giuen, as is aforeſaid, the kinges mageſtie ſhall preſent euery ſuch ꝑſon by his letters patẽtes vnder his gret ſeale, to the archbyſhop of Canturbury, if the towne wherof

wherof he hath his tytle, be within the prouince of Caunturbury, & like wise to the archbishop of yorke, if the towne wherof he hathe his title, be within the prouince of yorke, signifieng & declaringe by the same letters patentes, the name of the person presented, and the stile and title of dignitie of bishop riche, wherunto he shalbe nominated: requiring the same archbishoppe, to whom suche letters patentes shalbe directed, to consecrate the sayde person so nominate and presented, to the same name title stile and dignitie of bishop: that he shalbe nominate and presented vnto, and to giue him all such consecrations benedictions & ceremonies, as to the degre and office of a bishop suffragan shalbe requisite. ¶ And be it also enacted by auctoritie afore sayd, that all & euery suche person & psons, as shalbe nominated elected presented and consecrate, as is afore rehersed, shalbe taken accepted and reputed, in all degrees and places, accordinge to the stile title name and dignite that he shalbe so presented vnto, and haue suche capacitie power and auctoritie, honor, preeminence, and reputation, in as large and ample maner in & concernynge the execucion of suche cõmission, as by any of the said archebyshops or byshops within their dioces shalbe giuen to the sayd suffragãs, as to suffragans of this realme heretofore hath ben vsed and accustomed. ¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that euery archbishop of this realme, to whom any the kinges letters patẽtes in the cases afore rehersed, shalbe directed, hauing no laufull impediment, shall performe and accomplysshe the effectes and contentes of this acte within the tyme of .iii. monethes next after suche letters patentes shall come to their handes, any vsage customes forein lawes priuileges prescriptiõs or other thing or thinges heretofore vsed had or done to the contrary hereof not withstondinge. ¶ Prouided alwayes that no suche suffragans, whiche shall be made and consecrate by vertue & auctoritie of this acte, shall take or perceyue any maner of profites of the places and sees, wherof they shall be named, nor vse haue or execute any iurisdiction or episcapalle power or auctoritie within their said sees, nor within any dioces or place of this realme, or els where within the kinges dominions, but only such profites iurisdiction power & auctorite, as shalbe licenced & limitted to thẽ to take do & execute by any archbishop or bishop of this realme within theyr dioces, to whom they shalbe suffragans by their cõmission vnder theyr seales. And that euery archebyshop & bishop of this realme, for theyr owne peculier dioces maye and shall giue suche cõmission or cõmissions to euery suche bishop suffragan, as shall be so consecrate by auctoritie of this acte, as hathe ben accustomed for suffragãs heretofore to haue, or els such cõmission as by them shalbe thought requisite resonable & conuenient. And that no suche suffragan shall vse any iurisdiction ordinarie, or episcopal power, otherwise nor longer tyme than shalbe limitted by suche cõmission to him to be giuen as is aforesaid, vppon peyne to incurre into the peynes losses forfaytures & penaltyes mencioned in the statute of prouisions, made in the .xvi. yere of kynge Richarde the .ii. ¶ Prouided alwayes, that the byshoppe that shall nominate the suffragan

to the kynges highnes, or the ſuffragan hym ſelfe that ſhall be nompnate, ſhal prouide two byſhoppes or ſuffraganes to conſecrate hym with the archebyſhop, and ſhall beare theyr reaſonable coſtes.

¶Prouided alſo that the reſidence of him that ſhalbe ſuffragane ouer the dioceſe, where he ſhall haue commiſſion, ſhall ſerue hym for his reſydence as ſufficiently, as if he were reſident vpon any other his benefice, any acte here tofore made to the contrary not withſtandynge.

¶Be it further enacted, that all ſuche ſuffragans, as ſhall hereafter exerciſe thoffices aforeſayde, by the commyſſion of the byſhoppe, for the better mayntenance of his dignitie, maye haue two benefices, with cure, any former acte made to the contrary not withſtondyng.

¶An acte for takynge away certayne exactions taken within the archedeconry of Rychemonde by ſpirituall men. Cap. xv.

FOr as moch as dyuers and many ſ kinge our ſouerayne lordes ſubiectes, inhabyted within the archedeaconry of Richemonde, in the countie of yorke, be and of longe tyme haue ben ſore and greuouſely exacted and impoueryſhed by the perſonnes vycars and others ſuche as haue benefices and ſpirytuall promocyons within the ſame, as by takynge of euery perſon, when he dyeth, in the name of a penſion or of a porcion, ſomtyme the nynth parte of al his goodes and cattals, and ſomtyme the thirde parte, to the open and manyfeſte impouerylhinge of mooſte parte of all the kynges poore ſubiectes, inhabyted and deceaſynge within the ſame. Wherfore be it ordeyned enacted and eſtabliſhed by the kynge our ſouerayne lord, the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in this preſente parlyamente aſſembled, and by the auctorite of the ſame, that from the feaſte of ſaynct Marke the euangelyſt, nexte commynge, no maner of ſpirituall perſonne or others nowe haynge, or that from the ſayd feaſte ſhall haue any maner of benefyce, or other ſpyrituall promocion within the ſayde Archedeaconrye, ſhall in no wyſe alowe demaunde or take, after the diſceaſſe of any perſone or perſonnes, any ſuche penſions or porcions, nor any other demaunde or duetie, in the name or lue of the ſame, vppon peyne to incurre ſuche daungers forfaytures and penalities, as be contened in the ſtatute of prouiſours, made in the. xxv yere of the reygne of your mooſte noble progenitour king Edward the third: But that all and euery the kynges ſubiectes of the ſaid archdeaconry, and their executours and adminiſtratours, from henceforthe ſhall be ordred entreated and vſed for their goodes and cattals after their deceaſſe, in lyke maner fourme order and condicion, as is conteyned in the ſtatute made in the. xxi. yere of your mooſte noble and victorious reygne for probate of teſtamentes, and none otherwyſe, any vſe cuſtome bul compoſition preſcription or ordinaunce heretofore had obteyned or vſed to the contrarye, within the foreſayde archedeaconry, in any wiſe not withſtondynge.

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¶An acte for makynge of worstedes in the citie of Norwiche, and in the townes of Lynne and yermouth. Cap. xvi.

WHere at a parliamente holden at London the. xb. daye of Apryll, in the. xiiii. yere of the reygne of our souerayngne lorde the kynge that nowe is, and from thens adiornyd to westmynster, the laste daye of July, in the. xb. yere of our sayde souerayngne lorde, and there ended: It was ordeyned enacted and establyshed, that the craftes men called worsted weuers, inhabyted in the Towne of greatte yermouthe, shoulde haue power and auctorytye by that acte from thens forwarde, to electe and chose yerely for euer, on the mundaye nexte after the feaste of pentecoste, one honest man of the mystery and occupacion of worsted weauers, beynge an howse holder within the sayde Towne of greatte yermouthe, and hauynge of his proper goodes and cattalles to the value of. x. li. at the leaste, or landes and tenementes to his owne vse of estate of free holde at the leaste, to the clere yerely value of. xx. s. to be warden of the same crafte & mistery of worsted weuers for the yere nexte insuing, which man so elected and chosen, shuld personally appere before the Mayre of the cytie of Norwyche for the tyme beynge, the mundaye nexte after the feaste of corpus Chrysti, then next insuinge, then and there to be sworne and charged by lyke othe, concernyng the trewe and substaunciall makynge of worstedes sayes and stampnes within the sayde Towne of greatte yermouthe, as the. iiii. wardens of the sayd citie of Norwiche, by vertue of any acte of parlyament, made in the. vii. yere of kynge Edwarde the fourthe, were charged and sworne for the same citie of Norwiche. And if the sayd mayre happened to be absente the saide mundaye nexte after Corpus Chrysti, or els then refused to receiue or take the saide othe, the the sayde warden soo electe within. iiii. dayes nexte after the same mundaye, shulde come before the bailiffes of the sayd towne of greate yermouthe, for the tyme being, or before one of thē, the other being absent, and then & there receyue a corporall othe for the trewe exercisynge of the same office of wardenshyp, after the tenoure of the othe accustomably vsed to be gyuen to the sayd wardens of the sayde citie of Norwiche, and then the sayde wardeyne of the saide towne of great yarmouth for the tyme beinge, so electe and sworen, myght ordeyne and appoynte a seale with this letter, y, to be grauen in the same seale, and myght haue full power and auctoritie to viewe serche seale and seale in leade with the same seale, so to be appoynted & engraué & none other, al worstedes sayes and stampns within the sayde towne of yermouth, and subbarbes of the same, made or to be made, and not els where, in as large and ample maner as the sayde wardeyns of the sayde cytye of Norwiche, and the wardens of the countye of Norffolke or any of theym, had within the sayd citie or countie, or in any wyse maye do in that behalfe by auctoritie or vertue of the afore remembred acte, made in the sayd. vii.

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yere of kynge Edwarde the. iiii. any thynge in the same conteyned to the contrary therof not withstōdinge. And that no person inhabited within the sayde towne of greate yermouthe or subbarbes therof, shoulde weaue any worstedes, sayes, or stampynes, within the same towne, except he be an englyshemanne borne, and hadde bene a prentice to the sayde occupation, and without he weaued there such proper markes as shulde be lymitted and appoynted by the sayde warden of the sayde Towne for the tyme beynge, electe and sworne as is aforesayde, vppon peyne of forfayture therof to the kinge oure soueraygne lorde. And that euery wardeyne of the sayde towne shuld lymitte distincte and seuer all markes to euery of the sayd worsted weauers of the same Towne of greatte yarmouthe, and the same markes by the said warden to be regestred in a boke.

¶ And also it was further enacted, that if and when soo euer the towne of Lynne shoulde be inhabited with .x. sondry householders or more nombre of howseholders, exercysynge and vsynge the sayde crafte or mysterye of worstede weauers, then and from thensforth, that is to say, as longe as the same towne of Lynne shoulde be inhabited with the nomber of tenne suche householders at the leaste, it shoulde be lefull to the same inhabytauntes of the sayd towne of Lynne, yerely in the mundaye nexte after the feaste of Pentecoste, to electe and chose of theym selfe one warden of the sayde crafte and mysterye of worstede weauers, to be of the value in landes and goodes as is aforesayde of the wardens of yarmouth, whiche warden so electe, shulde yerely be sworne and charged at the sayde citie of Norwiche, in lyke maner and at lyke day, as is before lymitted to the wardeyns of yarmouthe, or in defaute of the sayde mayre of Norwiche, than the sayde wardeyne soo to be electe for the sayde towne of Lynne, to take a corporalle othe before the mayre of the sayde towne, within suche tyme and after suche forme as is before lymitted vnto the sayde warden of yermouth. And that the sayde warden of the sayde towne of Lynne for the tyme beinge soo electe and sworne by him selfe, myghte ordeyne and appoynt a seale with this letter, L, to be grauen in the seale, and myghte haue full power and auctorite, to viewe serche seale and seale in leade with the same seale so to be grauen, and with none other, all worstedes, sayes, and stamyns, within the sayde towne of Lynne and subbarbes of the same, made or to be made, and not els where in as large and ample maner, as the sayde wardeyne of the sayde cytye of Norwiche, and warden of the sayde countye of Norffolke, or any of theym, hadde within the sayde citie or countie, or otherwyse myghte do by auctorite or vertue of the afore sayde acte, made in the sayd seuenth yere of kyng Edwarde the fourthe, any thynge conteyned in the same acte to the contrarye not withstondinge.

¶ And that no personne inhabited within the sayde towne of Lynne or subbarbes therof, shuld make any worstedes says or stamins within ysame Towne, excepte he were englyshe borne, and had ben aprentice to the same occupation, and without he weaued therin suche proper marke, as shoulde

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be lymitted and appoynted by the sayde wardeynes of the same towne of Lynne for the tyme beinge, vppon peyne of forfayture therof to the kynge our souerayngne lorde. And that euery warden of the sayde towne, shoulde limitte distyncte and seuer all markes to euery of the sayde worsted weauers of the same towne, and the same markes by the sayd warden to be regestred in a boke,

¶ And it was further enacted, that from the feaste of saynt Michaell tharchaūgell then nexte folowing, vnto such tyme as ꝑ said town of Linne shuld be inhabited with the said numbre of .x. householders of the sayde crafte of worsted weauers, & alwais after whē the numbre of .x. housholders shulde happen to fayle & not be inhabited in the said towne of Lynne, the said wardeynes of the sayde citie of Norwiche and theyr successours, shulde procure and cause one of them selfes or one of the wardens of the sayde crafte of the saide countrie of Norfolke, personally to come and be euery .xxviii. day from & after the said feaste of saint Michel the archangel in and to the saide towne of Lynne, or within. vi. days nexte after euery suche. xxviii. day, and there to continue and abyde by soo longe tyme, as he myghte serche and seale all suche worstedes sayes and stampnes, made in the same towne of Lynne, as then shuld be brought to hym to be sealed within the space of one hole day. And the sayde inhabitantes of worsted weuers of the same towne of Lynne beynge, shoulde contente and paye to the sayde wardeynes of Norwych or Norf. whiche shulde so come to Lynne, in the saide .xxviii. day, or within the vi. dayes next after the. xxviii. daye, for his costes and expences for euerye tyme that he shoulde so come to Lynne, betwene the feastes of saynete Mychael the archaungel, and the Annunciation of our lady saynt Mary .iii.s. and for euery tyme that he shoulde so comme to the sayde towne of Lynne, betwene the feaste of the Annunciation of our lady, and the feaste of saynct Mychaell the archaungel. ii.s. And if the sayde inhabitauntes of worstede weauers of the sayde towne of Lynne dydde not contente and paye to the sayde wardeyne, commynge to Lynne in fourme afore sayde, for his sayde costes and charges, the sayde. iii. s. or. ii. s. as is aboue lymitted, than the same inhabitauntes shulde forfayte and pay to the sayde wardeyn, or to his executours for euery suche defaute of paymente. xl. s. And if none of the sayde wardeyns of Norwiche and Norf. come to the sayde towne of Lynne, for the cause aforesayde, in maner and fourme aboue remembred, that the sayde wardeyns of the sayde citie of Norwiche shulde forfayte and paye to the sayde inhabitauntes of Lynne of the sayde mysterye of worsted weauers, for euery suche defaute. xl. s. for recompence of the penaltye and forfaytes, the sayd wardeynes of Norwiche or Norf. beynge therunto intytled by that acte by his proper name, with this addicion that is to saye, *Vnius gardianorum*, or *Nuper vnius Gardianorum, artis siue misterie textorum panni lanei vocat.* vvorsted, *in ciuitate* Norvvici, *vel com.* Norff. as the truthe requireth, shulde and myghte haue action of dette by wrytte bill or playnte in any competente or lawfull courte of this realme, ayenste the inhabytauntes of Lynne of the

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saide misterie for the tyme beinge, by their soundrie proper names, and the saide inhabitauntes by their saide names with this addicion, *Textorum panni lanei vocat. vvorst. inhabitantes ville de Lynne*, shulde and mighte haue lyke action of dette ayenst the saide wardeynes of Norwiche, by the name of *Gardiani artis siue misterie textorum pannorum laneorum, vocat. vvorsted, infra ciuitatem Norvvici vel com. Norff.* to be vsed to good congruities of latine, & forme of the lawes of this realme, in whiche actions or any of theym, none essoyne protection or wager of lawe shulde be suffred or allowed. And that the partyculat bodies or goodes of any of the sayd wardeines or inhabitauntes, beinge condempned in any of the sayd actions, shulde and myghte be put in execution, after suche maner and forme, as is vsed in an action of dette by courts of the cõmon lawe of this realme.

¶ And more ouer it is enacted, that all clothes of worstedes sayes and stamyns, made within any of the sayd townes of Lynne and greate yermouth or subbarbes of the same, or any of them, and marked with suche markes, as shuld be limitted to the markers, by the sayd wardens of the sayd town, in maner and fourme as is aboue said, and viewed and sealed by any of the sayde wardeyns of the saide townes of Lynne and yermouthe, in fourme remembred, by force and vertue of the sayd acte, myght be laufully putte to sale by the owners and makers of the same, without any other markynge or sealynge vpon the same clothes, or vpon any of them to be had or made, of or vppon any of the sayde clothes, for lacke of any other seales or markes, any thynge conteyned in the sayd. vii. yere of kynge Edwarde the. iiii. to the contrary not withstondynge.

¶ And ouer this it was enacted, that euery craftes manne of the sayd misterie and occupation of worstede makynge, dwellinge within any of the saide townes of Lynne and yermouthe, and subbarbes of the same, atte their owne free wylles and lybertyes frome thens forthe for euer, myghte haue and take apprentice or apprentices, beynge male of the age of. xviii. yeres and vpwarde, and beinge the kynges naturalle subiectes, for terme of. vii. yeres, and not vnder, soo that none of theym excede the numbre of two at ones, to lerne vse and exercyse the sayde crafte within eyther of the sayde two townes of Lynne and greate yarmouthe, and subbarbes of the same: all be hit the father of the sayde apprentyce or apprentices myghte not expende in landes or tenementes, to the yerelye valewe of twentie shyllynges: any acte or ordinance to the contrary made or to be made not withstondynge.

¶ Prouided alwaye that the same acte, or any thynge therin conteyned, shoulde not in any wyse be hurtfull or prejudiciall to the maire of Norwyche, or to his successour, or to the wardeyns of the sayd citie or countie, or to theyr successoures, in any poynte or article power or auctoritie, other than for weaynge, serchyng, and sealyng of worstedes sayes and stamyns, made or to be made onely within the said townes of Lynne and yermouthe, or sub-

or ſubbarbes of the ſame, or to any of them, and for limittynge of markes, to the makers of worſtedes, ſayes, and ſtampns, onely inhabited in eyther of the ſaid townes or ſubbarbes therof, and takyng of apprentices in forme aboue remembred: but that the ſayde mayre of the ſayde citie of Norwyche, and wardens of the ſame citie and countie, and euery of them, myght haue and vſe all other poyntes, articles, powers, and auctorities conteyned and ſpecified in the aboue remembred acte, made in the ſaid. xii. yere of kynge Edwarde the fourthe, as well for the ſerche ſealynge correction and reformation of the ſayde wardeyns, newely to be elected by the vertue of the ſame acte, and euery of theym, accordynge and after ſuche fourme as they myghte do or vſe any of the ſayde wardeynes of the ſayde cytie or countye, by force of the ſayde acte, made in the ſayde. xii. yere of kynge Edwarde the iii. as all and euery other inquerye corrections ſerches ſealynges and reformations to be hadde for the trewe makynge of worſtedes, ſayes, and ſtampns, in and vpon any perſon or perſones, as wel within the ſayd townes of Lynne and yermouth, as without, without trouble lette or veration of any of the inhabitauntes of the ſayde towne, in as large and ample wiſe, as they myghte haue don before the makynge of the ſayd acte, any thyng conteyned in the ſame acte to the contrary notwithſtandynge.

¶ And alſo it was further prouided and enacted, that the ſaid crafte men of worſted weauers, inhabyted or after that to be inhabyted within eyther of the ſayde townes of Lynne and yermouth or ſubbarbes of the ſame, and the marchauntes, or any other perſon or perſons, whiche ſhulde happen to bye of the ſame craftes men, or any of them, or any other perſon, any of the ſaid clothes of worſtedes ſays or ſtamins, made or to be made within either of the ſayd townes of Lynne and yermouth, and ſeled by the ſayd wardens of the ſame townes, to be electe and ſworne, as is aforeſaid, and any of them ſhuld not there dye or put in colour, or calender any worſtedes ſtampnes or ſayes, made, or after that to be made within eyther of the ſayde townes of Lynne and yermouth, and ſubbarbes of the ſame, in any other place or places, but onely within the ſayde citie of Norwiche, or ſubbarbes of the ſame, vpon peyne of forfayture of euery pece of worſtedes ſayes or ſtampns, to be made within any of the ſaide townes of Lynne and yermouthe or ſubbarbes of the ſame, or the value therof, ſhorne, dyed, coloured, or kalendred by any of the ſayde craftes men, biers, or marchauntes, in any other place or places than in the ſayde cytte of Norwyche, or ſubbarbes of the ſame, The one halfe therof to be to the kyng our ſouerain lord, & the other halfe therof to ſuche perſone or perſones, as ſhulde ſeaſe the ſame, ſo that the ſaide worſtedes brought to the ſayde citie of Norwiche to be ſhorne dyed colored and kalendred, without couyne or crafte of any of the ſayd inhabytauntes and marchantes, myghte be ſhorne dyed colored and kalendred at and by as conuenient price or prices, & in as redy wiſe, as the ſaide inhabitauntes of eyther of the ſayd townes of Lynne and yarmouth, and marchantes byers of the ſayd worſtedes, or other of the ſayd citie and countie, had had in tymes

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paſt, or after that ſhuld haue. And alſo that the ſame in habytauntes and marchauntes and euery of them ſo bryngynge the ſayde worſtedes to the ſame cytie to be ſhorne dyed colored and calendred, were reſon ably and laufully intreated accordynge to the ſayde acte, made in the ſayde. vii. yere of kynge Edwarde the fourthe, and the ordinaunce made and affirmed, or thereafter to be made and affirmed for the ſayd myſtery, without lette or diſturbaunce, contrary to the ſame acte or ordinaunce in that behalfe.

¶ And it was further enacted, that no perſone or perſones, any tyme after that ſhoulde conuey or tranſporte in to any of the partyes of beyonde the ſee, any maner of clothes of worſtedes, before the ſame clothes were ſhorne dyed coloured and kalendred, vppon peyne of forfapture the value therof: the one halfe to the kynge our ſoueraygne lorde, and the other halfe therof to the partie that wyll ſue therfore, by action or playnte of det in any of the kynges courtes, in whiche action or ſuite no protection or eſſoyne ſhould be alowed, nor the defendoure admitted to wage his lawe, as by the ſayde acte therof made more playnly appereth: whiche acte was made to endure vnto the nexte parlyamente, wherby it is nowe expired, in conſideration wherof, and for as moche as the ſame acte is a good and neceſſarie acte for the trewe makynge of worſtedes, ſayes, and ſtampns, and very commodyous and profitable for the increaſe of the ſayd townes of yermouthe and Lynne, be it therfore enacted by the kynge our ſoueraygne lorde, and the lordes ſpyrituall, and tempozall, and the commons in this preſente parlyamente aſſembled, that the ſame act, and euery article ſentence and prouyſion therin conteyned, ſhall from henſforthe be continued and ſtande for euer in fulle ſtrength and vertue.

¶ An act that no fermours of ſpiritual perſones ſhalbe compelled or charged to paye for theyr leſſours fyfte fruites or peres penſion for the tenthe graunted to the kynges hyghnes. Cap. xvii.

For certayne reſonable and vrgent conſideracions, mouynge the kynges moſt hygh courte of parlyament, it is ordeyned and enacted by auctorite of the ſame, that all and ſyngular fermours and leſſees of any manours, lordſhyppes, londes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, perſonages, vicarages, portyons of tythes, or other what ſo euer profyttes or commodyties, belongyng to any archebyſhopp e, byſhoppe, or other prelate or ſpiritual perſon or perſons, or ſpiritual body corporate or politique, wherof any fyfte fruites or perely penſion of the tenthe parte is graunted to the kyng our ſouereigne lord in this preſente ſeſſion of the ſayde courte of parlyament, ſhall be diſcharged and not chargeable to paye to our ſayde ſoueraygne lorde of his or theyr proper money coſte or charge, for or in diſcharge of the leſſour or leſſours, owner or owners of the ſame, by reaſon of any couenaunte, bargayne, bonde, condition

vicion, clause of reentre, or other thynge heretofore made or concluded, but that euery of the sayde lessours and owners, and they? successours, shall be charged and chargeable to paye and satisfie the same of his or they? proper coste and charge, to the kynge oure sourreygne lorde, his heyres and successours, accordynge to the graunte therof: any couenaunte, bargayne, contract, bond, condicion, clause of reentre, or other thyng heretofore made or concluded to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstondynge.

¶ An acte concernynge the kynges generall and free pardon graunted by his highnes. Capitulo. xviii.

THe kynges moost royall magestie, prudently considerynge, that all be it his highnes of his most excellente pitie benignitie and mercye, manyfolde tymes heretofore mercifully and liberally hath graunted his moost gracious free and generall pardon, to all and syngular his subiectes, by the which his magestie hathe remytted and released innumerable & inestimable substaunce and profites, which he moughte haue lawfully taken and hadde by the lawes and customes of this his realme, trustynge by his often remission pardon and mercye, minystred to his subiectes, to allure offenders from vyce to vertue, and that they wolde putte they? diligente deuoyres to amende and reforme they? abuses, yet neuertheles his louynge and obediente subiectes, sythen his last moost gracious and liberall pardons to them graunted, haue incurred into innumerable penalites losses forfaytures & damages, wherof fewe or none of them are able to make fulle recompence or condygne satisfaction to his highnes, if his magestie shulde proceede agaynste theym by dewe course of his lawes, trustynge that nowe from hensforthe they wyll eftsones amende and beware the incurrynge of the forsaide daungers and perils, seinge they haue had so many admonicions and gentil warnynges: And perceyuinge also the greate zele and affection, whiche his louynge subiectes beare vnto hym and his dignitye royall, as by many wayes in this present parlyament they haue declared and shewed. In consideration wherof, and trustinge as afore, the kynges highnes to shewe vnto his louynge subiectes, that he bothe can & wyl consider, when he is bothe kyndly and louingly handled of them, vpon his mere mocion, and to declare also his tender loue and affection, whiche he berethe vnto his Nobilite and subiectes, accordinge to his accustomable goodnes, is contented and pleased at this tyme to extende his pitie merry and benignitie to all and synguler his subiectes of this his realme of Englande, Wales, the Iles of Iernesey & Garnesey, Barwyk, and Caleis, and the marches of the same by way of his free pardone and Remyssion, as here after folowethe, rather couetynge they? amendementes by gentyll, and mercyfulle meanes, thenne to be enforced

by theyr euylle dedes and offences. And for that his saide free pardon and remyssion to be had taken and enioyed to and by them & euery of them by vertue of this presente acte, his grace is fully and resolutely contented and pleased, that it be enacted by auctorite of this presente parlyament, in maner and fourme folowynge: That is to saye: that all and euery of his sayde subiectes, as well spirituall as temporall of this his realme of England, Wales, the said Iles of Jerneseye, and Garneseye, Barwik, & Calais, and the marches of the same, the heires successours executours and admynystratours of them & of euery of them, and all and syngular bodies in any maner of wise corporate, cities, borroughes, shires, riddinges, hundredis, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, townes, villages, and tithinges, and of euery of them, and the successour and successours of euery of them, shalbe by auctoritie of this present parlyament acquited, pardoned, released, and discharged ayenst the kynges hyghnes, his heires and successours and executours and euery of theym, of all maner felonies offences contemptes trespalles, wronges deceiptes mysdemeanours forfaytures penalities and profyties, sommes of money, peynes of death, peynes corporall and pecuniary, and generally of al other thynges, causes, quarels, suites, iudgementes, & executions in this present acte hereafter not excepted nor forprised, which may be or can be by his highnes in any wyse, or by any meane pardoned, before and vnto the. xii. day of the moneth of Nouember, in the. xxvi. yere of his moste noble raygne, to euery or any of his sayd subiectes, bodies corporate, Cities, borroughes, Shires, Riddinges, Hundredes, Lathes, rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, villages, and tithinges or to any of them.

AND ALSO the kinges highnes is contented, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this presente parlyament, that his sayd free pardon shal be as good and effectuall in the lawe to euery of his sayde subiectes, bodyes corporate, and others before rehersed, and to euery of them by the sayde generall wordes before rehersed, in and ageynst all thinges, whiche be not hereafter in this presente acte excepted, as the same pardon shulde haue ben, if all offences, contemptes, forfaytures, causes, matters, suytes, quarels, iudgementes, executions, penalities, and all other thynges not hereafter excepted, had ben particularly, syngularly, specyally, and playnely named rehersed and specified, and also pardoned by proper and expresse wordes & names in theyr kindes natures and qualities, by wordes and termes therunto requisyte, to haue benne put and expressed in this presente acte of free pardon: And that his sayde subiectes, nor any of theym, nor the heyres executours or administratours of any of them, nor any of the sayd bodies corporate & others before named, or any of the, be nor shall be sued vexed or inquieted, in theyr bodyes goodes landes or catalles for any maner matter, cause, contempt, mysdemenour, forfayture, trespas, offece, or any other thing suffred doon or cõmytted before ỹ said thirde day of Nouember, ageinst his hyghnes, his crowne, dignitie, prerogatife, lawe or statutes: but onely for such maters, causes & offeces, as be plainly rehersed in ỹ excepcions in this

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pzesent acte hereafter mencioned, and foz none other: any statute oz statutes, lawes, customes, vse, oz pzesidēt heretofoze had made oz vsed to the contrary in any wyse not withstondynge.

¶ Also the kynges highnes of his bounteous liberalitie, by auctozytie of this pzesent parliament graunteth and freely gyueth to euery of his sayde subiectes, and to euery of the sayde bodies cozpozate, and others befoze rehersed, and to euery of them, all suche goodes, cattals, dettes, fines, issues, pzofites, amerceamentes, fozfaytures, and sommes of moneye, by any of them fozfayted: whiche to his highnes do oz shulde belonge oz appertayne by reason of any offence contempte trespace mysdemeanour mattier cause oz quarell, suffred done oz commytted by theym oz any of theym, befoze the sayde thyrde day of Nouember, whiche be not hereafter playnely fozpzysed and excepted in this pzesente acte. And that all and euery the kynges sayde subiectes, and all and synguler bodies cozpozate, and others befoze rehersed, may by him oz them selfe, oz his oz their deputie oz deputies, oz by his oz theyr atturneye oz atturneyes, accozdynge to the lawes of this realme plede and mynister this pzesent act of free pardon foz his oz theyr discharge of and foz euery thynge, that is by vertue of this pzesente acte pardoned, discharged, gyuen, oz graunted, withoute any fee oz other thynge in any wyse payenge to any persoine oz personnes foz wrytinge oz entree of any suche pleadynge of the sayde pardone, oz foz entree of the iudgemente, oz other cause concernynge suche plee, writynge, oz entree, but onelye. xii. d. to be payed to the officer oz clerke that shall entre the plee matter oz iudgement foz the parties discharge in that behalfe, any statute oz vse to the contrarye not withstondynge.

¶ And ferthermoze the kynges hyghnes is contented and pleased, that hit be enacted by auctozite of this pzesent parlyament, that his sayde free pardon by the general wozdes befoze rehersed, shal be reputed demed and iudged, allowed and taken in all maner courtes of his lawes, and els where as well in the wozdes and clauses of the exceptions and fozpzises specified in this pzesente acte, as in all and singular other clauses wozdes and sentences, mencioned and rehersed in the saide free pardon, moste beneficially and auaylably to all and synguler his said subiectes, bodies cozpozate, and others befoze rehersed, and to euery of them, and most strōgely in barre and discharge agaynste his highnes, his heires, successours, and executours in euery thyng, withoute any obstacle, ambiguite, chalenge, oz other delaye what so euer it shalbe, to be made, pleaded, obiected, oz alleged by the king our soueraygne lozde, his heires, successours, oz executours, oz by his oz any of their general atturney oz atturneys, oz by any other persō oz persons foz his highnes, oz any of his heires, successours, oz executours.

¶ And ferthermoze it is enacted by the kynge oure soueraygne lozde, and by auctozitie of this pzesent parliament, that if any officer oz clerke of any of his highe courtes, commenly called the kynges benche, Chauncerie, and commen place, oz of his eschecker, oz any other officer oz clerke of any other

of his courtes within this realme, at any tyme after the feaſte of Epiphanie of our lorde god nexte comynge, make out or wrote out any maner writtes or other proces, or any extreates ſommons or other preceptes, wherby any of the ſayde ſubiectes, or any of the ſayd bodies corporate, or others before reherſed, or any of them, ſhalbe in any wiſe arreſted, attached, diſtreined, ſommoned, or other wiſe vexed inquieted or greued, in his or theyr bodies, landes, tenementes, goodes, or cattalles, or in any of them, for or by cauſe of any maner of thinge pardoned or diſcharged by vertue of this acte of free pardon, he ſo offendinge, and therof lawfully condempned, ſhal yeld and pay for recompence therof to the partie ſo greued or offended, treble damages (accompted as parcell of theſe damages al coſtes of the ſuite.) And neuer the les al and ſinguler ſuche writtes, proces, extreates, and preceptes, ſo to be made for or vpon any maner thyng pardoned or diſcharged by this preſent acte of free pardon, ſhalbe vtterly voyde and of none effecte.

¶ EXCEPTED alway, & forpriſed out of the ſayd free pardon al maner of highe treaſons, and myſpriſions of highe treaſons, and all ſuites punyſhementes forfaytures and penalities for or by reaſon or occaſion of any of theym, all prepenſed and voluntarie murders, all robberyes of churches, and robberies done vpon mens perſons, all other felonyes and robberyes by the common lawe, of felonous takynge of any money goodes or cattalles aboue the ſomme or value of .xx. s. all felonous burnynge of howſes; all rauyſhementes of women, and all and ſyngular acceſſaries to any the ſayde murders, or murderers, felonyes, robberies, brenninges, or rauiſhementes, felons, robbers, brenners, and rauyſhers, all outlaries of highe treaſons, and of meſpriſions of highe treaſons, and all maner of felonyes, other than felonies of the ſomme or value of twenty ſhyllynges, or vnder the ſame ſomme: and that all other outlaries had or promulged vppon or agenſte any perſone or perſones for any cauſe, not beinge treaſon, myſpriſion of highe treaſons, murder, or felonye aboue the ſayde ſomme of twenty ſhyllynges, be and ſhall be pardoned by the generall wordes of this preſente acte of free pardone before wytten: ſoo alwayes that the ſame perſonnes and euerye of theym, ſtande to tryghte to aunſwere or ſatysfye the partye, atte whoſe ſuyte he is outlawed, accordynge to the lawes of this realme.

¶ ALSO EXCEPTED AND FORPRISED out of the ſayde free pardone, all and ſinguler conuictions and atteyndours of any perſon and perſons, nowe beinge or remaynynge in any conuicte priſone, or in the cuſtody of any byſhop abbot or other ſpiritual perſon, or ordinarye, & euery of the ſame perſons ſo atteynted or conuicted. And alſo all multyplyers and nygromancers, multiplicacions and nygromancies, and all ſuites impetitions proceſſes and puniſhmentes for or vpon the ſame or any of them: And all titles, and actions of Quare impedit, and all rauyſſhementes of the kynges wardes, all waſtes of the kynges woodes, and his foreſtes parkes or chaſes, all conceylmentes of cuſtomes and ſubſidies.

And

¶ And also excepted and forprised out of this pardon al inclosures and decayes of houses of husbandry, made, done, committed, or permytted contrary to the forme or effecte of any statute or statutes heretofore made, and also all issues profittes amerciamentes fynes and other penalities, whiche hereafter shall growe or be forfayted for any suche inclosures or decayes: and all intrusions had made or done in to any maners londes tenementes or other hereditamentes, sythen the feaste of saynte Mychaell the Archangell, whiche was in the. xvb. yere of the kynges most noble reygne: And all and synguler dettes, other then dettes growen vpon recognisaunces, beinge of the somme of fyftie poundes or vnder, and not aboue that somme, and beinge all redy forfayted for surety of the peace, or for apparaunce atte any day or place.

¶ And excepted and forprised oute of this pardon all accomptes, and alle actions suites and impeticions for the same accomptes, and arrerages of accomptes, and for the sayde dettes or any of them hereby excepted or forprised: all homagies and reliefes not done or not payd: all wylfull escapes as well of conuictes as other prisoners: and all dettes, whiche were due to the moste noble kynge of famous memory kynge Henry the. vii. or to any person or persons, to his vse, by any condempnation, recognisaunce, obligation, or other wyse: all and synguler those forfaytures beinge due to our soueraygne lorde kynge Henry the. viii. by any penall statute or statutes, whiche be conuerted in to the nature of dette by iudgement, or by agrement of the offendours, before the sayde thyrde daye of Nouember: and al forfaytures and other penalyties and profittes growen or due by reason of any offence or acte, committed or done contrary to any statute or statutes, or contrary to the common lawe, wherof any seisure is made, or any informacion is gyuen in the kynges escheker, or any suite there commensed, before the sayde thyrde daye of Nouember, or wherof the kynges highnes by his byl synged or other wise, heretofore hath made any gyfte or assignement to any of his seruauntes.

¶ And also excepted all issues forfayted, fynes, amercyamentes, affered, tared, set, extreated, or iudged seuerally, or particularly, extendynge to the somme of a. C. s. or aboue that somme, and that all and singuler other fynes, as well fynes *pro licencia concordandi*, as other, and all other issues and amerciamentes, as well reall as other, whiche seuerally or particularly extende not to the sayd somme of a hundred shyllynges, whether they be totted or not totted, take to the charge of the shyreffe or not take to his charge, extreated or not extreated: whether they be torned in to or not in to det, and not beinge leuied nor recepued by any shireffe or shyreffes, bayliffe, mynysters, or other officers, shall be fully clerely and playnly pardoned and discharged ageynst the kynge our soueraygne lord, his heires and successours for euer by this present acte of free pardon.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that in case hit be obiected to or ayenst any shireffe or shireffes, or other accomptauntes in the

kynges courte of Excheker, or in any other his courtes, that any shyreffe or shyreffes, or other officers accomptaunte, hath receyued or taken any such fynes, issues, or amerciamentes, by this present acte pardoned and acquyted, that then euery suche shyreffe and shyreffes and other accomptauntes, shall be discharged released pardoned and acquyted therof by his or theyr othe, without any further triall in that behalfe.

¶ PROVIDED alway, that this present acte of free pardon, nor any thynge therin conteyned, in any wyse extende to discharge remit or acquyte any persionne or persionnes, for any suche issues, fynes, and amerciamentes of one hundrethe shyllynges or vnder, as any shyreffe heretofore hathe accompted before the barons of the kynges Excheker or els where, and payde the same issues fynes and amerciamentes vppon his or theyr sayde accompte, determyned to the kynges vse, and haue his or theyr Quietus est for the same.

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